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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### First Things First<sup>®</sup>

by Ted Hunt

**F**irst Things First is the title of the best selling business and personal management book by Stephen Covey and Roger and Rebecca Merrill. In the book, they describe how to organize, manage and lead a business or better manage one's own life by putting first things first.

#### Mission or Purpose

First they describe the importance of creating a mission or purpose statement. In other words, define and explain what the organization is all about. The mission of the Police Protective League explains what we are about and what is really important. Our mission explains why the League exists: to negotiate a good contract, in other words, to obtain the best economic package possible and to protect your legal rights. Both of those areas have been identified as the important reasons for the League to exist.

A mission statement should be applicable to all of the stakeholders. A stakeholder is someone who has a stake or an interest or an involvement in an organization. As a member of the League, you are a stakeholder. Covey says that a mission statement should also address what he calls the four basic needs of the human experience: 1. spiritual needs; 2. physical needs; 3. social needs; and, 4. mental needs. A mission statement should also inspire all of the stakeholders to a commitment to fulfill their concerns and needs. One of the things I hope to coordinate is the modification and improvement of our mission - in order to meet those criteria and needs.

#### Set & Prioritize Goals

That desire notwithstanding, in order to fulfill our current mission, we need to set goals. Once we have established the goals we need to prioritize them by focusing on **First Things First**. The most important goals we have right now are, the ones that are **First** are:

- Get a Great Contract
- Bring Back CWS
- Improve Legal Representation
- Settle FLSA
- Binding Arbitration Signed into Law

We are focusing on what's most important. That has to be accomplished by constant reviews. Studies have shown that a weekly review appears to be the optimal time for reassessment of the progress of each goal.

#### Work the Plan

Finally, it takes discipline to stick to the plan and to do things that you may not necessarily want to do but you have to do. Let's look at the status of some of our projects.

#### Status of the Blue Line

The purpose of the *Thin Blue Line* is to serve as the primary communication instrument for our League. It helps both active and retired personnel to stay in contact with what is going on in the Department.

The U.S. Postal Service has notified us that they will revoke our bulk mail postal permit when we reach the point where half of the copies of the *Thin Blue Line* we mail each month are sent to non-paid subscribers, i.e., retired personnel. Retired LAPD personnel do not pay dues to the League and according to the Postal Service are not paid subscribers. Therefore, retired personnel are not entitled to receive the *Blue Line* at the reduced bulk mail rate. In fact, if we don't resolve the problem right away, the Postal Service will revoke our bulk mail permit for all recipients of the *Blue Line*. To solve the problem we are planning to start an association especially for retired personnel so they can continue to receive the *Thin Blue Line* if they want to.

The second thing that we did was to renew the contract with our current publisher who has been publishing the *Blue Line* for 17 years. We have the best police association newspaper around and it runs like clockwork. We can't remember the last complaint about the *Blue Line* that could be tracked to the publisher. In considering the contract renewal, we remembered the old adage, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." The *Thin Blue Line* is a very good product at a price that is comparable to other professional journals and magazines.

The third thing we did was to sign a contract to completely revise and revamp our Website at no cost to the League. The Website contract is tied to the *Thin Blue Line* contract which we believe is a particularly smart business decision. By linking the two contracts, we'll receive, at no cost to the League, all of the hardware, software and labor cost to build and maintain the new Website. In addition, the business plan for the new Website projects a significant amount of income to the League based on advertising and shopping

cart sales. It will take some time to build it up, but we think it will be one of the best sites on the net. Check the progress at LAPD.COM.

#### Contract Survey

An opinion survey was developed with input from all of the delegates who attended the recent Delegate's Conference. The reason we develop and mail out the survey is to ensure that every member of the League has the opportunity to have their own input into the next contract. Please take the time to fill out your ideas.

#### National League of Cities

The National League of Cities will hold its winter conference in Los Angeles, December 2 & 3. Thousands of mayors, city council members, city administrators and managers from all across the United States will come to our City for the event. As a part of our public relations program we have a League booth in one of the highest foot traffic areas of the exhibition hall. The plan and design we have for our booth will make it one of the best, if not the best exhibit at the convention. We should really get our message across. If you or your spouse or any family or friend want to help staff the booth, please call and we'll arrange credentials, parking and meals. Call Ted Hunt or Dennis Zine at 213-251-4554 and tell us you want to work at the League's welcoming booth at the National League of Cities convention.

#### LAPPL Foundation

We have nearly completed all of the work necessary to launch the League's non-profit foundation. We'll

use the foundation to enhance our relationships with our members and with the various communities throughout Los Angeles. We'll enhance our image and do it at little or no cost to the League.

#### LA: World Port

Los Angeles is one of the transportation hubs of the Pacific Rim which makes us a "global city" and an economic powerhouse. The Port of Los Angeles and LAX serve huge markets around the world but particularly countries in Asia. As people and products move through our ports of entry, there are increasing police problems that trace back to other countries.

Just as we have established excellent relationships with police agencies and associations throughout California and our nation, so we have been invited to establish relationships on the Pacific Rim by participating in international symposia, one in Thailand (expenses paid) and another in New Zealand (partial expenses paid). It is important to cultivate relationships but at this time we have postponed going to these seminars because we are putting **First Things First**.

Since we are revising many of the most basic elements of the League such as the *Thin Blue Line*, the Web site, establishing a retiree association and a non-profit foundation, we decided to stay close to home and focus on the basics. The **Things** that we are working on are major and significant projects which will bring improvements to our League and help us fulfill our goals. ♦

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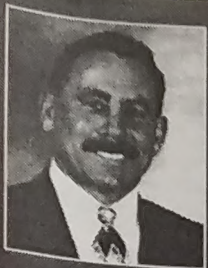
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## PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

GARY MORGAN, VICE PRESIDENT

### MOU Survey Is Out And The Membership Needs To Respond!

The "MOU" contract survey has been mailed out and the Protective League Board needs everyone to take the time and voice his/her opinion. The survey will resolve two very important issues. The first will be to determine what the membership really wants and what are they expecting in our contract. The second is to send a vitally important message to the City that we care about our future and we are united in our cause.

The contract negotiating team will be evaluating the data returned by the membership and establishing a priority list of those items to be considered during the bargaining sessions. Yes, the membership does have a voice and both the Board of Directors and the negotiating team will be responding to your direction. I am sure the membership will be satisfied with the end results. This was actually a first for the Board and the League in regards to a detailed evaluation. In years past the League attempted to establish an evaluation process and the results were very broad based and members returned an open "Wish Sheet." The negotiating team believes the new approach will further define our objectives and assist the entire process. I am totally convinced, come January 2000, the Board and your negotiating team will prepared to deliver

you an acceptable contract. If these expectations are not met, the membership must be willing to stand up and fight for what we deserve and are in fact entitled to receive.

### The Patrol Incentive Lawsuit, Gary Morgan vs City of Los Angeles, for Pension-Base Benefits, is Preparing for Depositions and Trial

The City has taken the position that every officer who comes on the Los Angeles Police Department is expected to work patrol and the function does not require additional compensation into your retirement. I strongly disagree and our attorney believes we will prevail at trial if the City elects to maintain this position. The fact that officers lose their patrol incentive after two deployment periods clearly demonstrates the compensation is paid and based on either assignment or special pay. The Protective League just recently lost an arbitration ruling where the arbitrator ruled you must in fact be working the assignment to receive the compensation. Based on this ruling and the Department position during the hearing, it will be interesting to see how they change their position. I believe the language in both the Article 18 and 35 Pension systems clearly show it must be calculated into your retirement

base and awarded as a pension benefit. The courts will clearly be the ones who decide and determine who is correct on this issue.

### The Department Wants to Utilize Detectives and Modifying Work Schedules to Avoid Paying Overtime During the Y2K Deployment

According to some recent documents I received, the Department appears to want to modify the "MUD" agreement (Maximum Uniform Deployment) and adjust work schedules to avoid paying overtime. I have been tasked the responsibility to negotiate this process and I have informed the Department we have an "MOU" that does not give them the right to change our working hours unless we are on a tactical alert or mobilization. Additionally, the "MUD" agreement clearly establishes how detectives may be deployed in uniform and under what conditions and restrictions. The Department's position was that the "MUD" agreement was no longer applicable. I know you will find this hard to believe, but once again I strongly disagree. The Protective League Board is and will continue to protect your rights and benefits when it comes to appropriate compensation or modification of working conditions. I will keep you fully informed of the final resolution.

### What Does the Department Want to do During the Democratic National Convention about Vacation and Days Off, and How Would their Plan Impact your Vacation and Work Schedule?

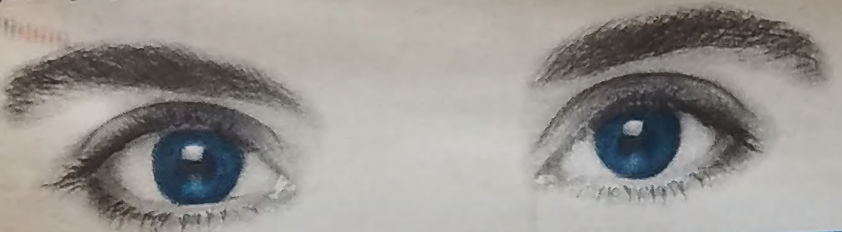
Guess what the Department doesn't want to pay overtime once again. The

Department is attempting to try the same type of deployment as the Y2K guidelines. The department does not want to declare a tactical alert or a mobilization. The department says no overtime is available and vacations and days off will be canceled. The Protective League Board disagrees and is currently attempting to negotiate a resolution to this problem. The department does not want anyone off on vacation (unless certain conditions are met) and maximum deployment for a period two weeks prior and a week after the convention ends. The Board is understanding of the potential problems and is willing to make some modifications to prepare for this important event. The Board believes any reduction in vacation deployment must be equally divided during deployment period six, seven and nine accordingly. The Board further believes no modification of work schedules should be made without proper compensation. I am putting out this information so officers throughout the department can understand what we are doing to address these difficult problems. The department in the past has been willing to compensate employees when special events require difficult security needs. The new "LAPD" command staff appears to believe we will dance to the same song as they're currently being forced to do. The problem is we are not salary employees and we do have a contract. Our contract protects our rights and working conditions and we are willing to stand up and fight for the continued support of those issues. I've said many times in prior articles please don't modify your work schedule to be part of a 'favored team', in the end we

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## 1999 Delegates Conference

The 1999 Delegates Conference was held on August 26, 27, and 28 in San Diego. The attendance was outstanding. After reviewing the critiques it appears that the Delegates were quite interested and informed during the program. A variety of subjects were presented and discussed. City Attorney Jim Hahn spoke on the many issues facing the membership today.

Also, Sergeant Sandy Jo MacArthur spoke on the functions of the LAPD

The new LDF insurance plan (P.O.L.I.C.E.) was explained and presented to the delegates. The delegates had many good questions which were answered by representatives of P.O.L.I.C.E. and our General Counsel Hank Hernandez. The P.O.L.I.C.E. plan provides an attorney to all LAPPL members who opt to join, for all administrative investigations, from interviews to Board of Rights. Mailers and enrollment forms are expected to be sent out in October.



photo by Dennis P. Zine

1998 Delegates honored: Keith Jackson (BAD), Delegate of the Year; Adolph Rodriguez (Harbor), Outstanding Delegate of the Year; Don Lint (ORS), Defense Representative of the Year; Joe Oliveri (Northeast), Outstanding Delegate of the Year.

Ombudsman's office. Representatives from the Police Memorial Foundation and Employee Assistance Unit gave informative presentations. The M.O.U. survey was articulated as was certain revisions of the delegate system. One of the most informative presentations was from Dr. Harvey Eisenberg, representing the HealthView Medical Program.

The HealthView Medical Program is the medical examination being offered by Blue Cross Prudent Buyer, where an officer essentially gets a CAT Scan of his or her vital organs. The scan is then displayed on a monitor and a doctor explains what you are seeing. The scan will show blockages in the heart, cancers, ulcers, etc. It is state of the art and the presentation by Dr. Eisenberg was excellent. For an appointment and more information, call HealthView Medical Center at 949-717-4500.

Please see your divisional delegate for additional information that was presented at the Delegates Conference. I want to personally thank the Delegate Conference Committee and the LAPPL staff for their support in making the 1999 Delegates Conference a success.

## Delegate and Defense Representative of the Year

Congratulations to Detective Keith Jackson of B.A.D. for being nominated by the Board as the 1998 Delegate of the Year. Also receiving honors were Sergeant Joe Oliveri, Northeast Division; and Officer Adolph Rodriguez, Harbor Division, for being nominated Outstanding Delegates of the Year for 1998. Congratulations are also in order for Officer Don Lint of O.R.S., who was nominated as Defense Representative of the Year for 1998. Congratulations to all for a job well done.

Take care.

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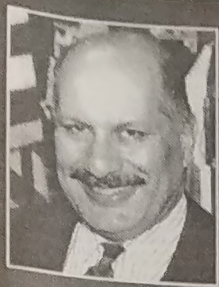
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**SCALE** Southern California Alliance of Law Enforcement representing 19 police officer associations.





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DENNIS P. ZINE, SECRETARY

## I'm Not Retiring

Some have asked if I am planning on retiring now that I was found not guilty on all charges at my Board of Rights hearing.

The answer is very simple. I don't plan on retiring any time in the near future. The Chief has three years left on his current 5 year contract and I think it would be most appropriate for me to remain around as a League Director for the next few years to stand up to the

continue to have the courage, experience and ability to stand up for what is right and challenge what is wrong.

## City Hall and Our Next Contract

Word is circulating around City hall about our next contract which is due in just nine short months on July 1, 2000. While we have not begun formal contract talks, I am making well known that we will not settle for "Peanuts" when

cleaner and safer place to live, play and work. Each and everyone of you is responsible for the many factors which led to the positive turnaround of Los Angeles. You deserve appropriate compensation and rewards for your efforts and hard work.

City revenues have increased and the forecast is for more economic growth in Los Angeles and the entire Southern California region through 2000, according to the Los Angeles Count Eco-

held at the Staples Center with thousands of Democrats attending and mega millions pouring into the City's cash registers.

What does this all mean for you? It means a contract with significant financial rewards for all your hard work and dedication. I will remain diligent at City Hall to make sure your contract provides what you want and deserve.

While the economic package is important to all, your working condi-

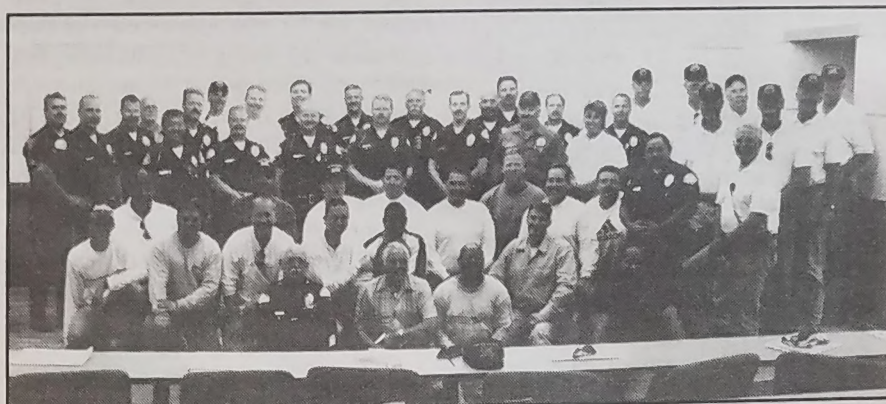


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With all this bright news, we also have the nearly complete Staples Convention Center in downtown L.A. The center will be the home of the Kings, Lakers and Clippers sports teams. Concerts and various conventions are also being planned for the state-of-the-art facility. The 2000 National Democratic Convention will be

tions must be improved. Since we are the only Department in this region without a compressed work schedule, this matter must be addressed in the next contract. I am still working the halls at City Hall to make our case for a Department wide C.W.S.

The Chief remains opposed to any form of C.W.S.

In the next few weeks, you will all be receiving a League survey asking for your input in the contract. Please take the time to complete the survey and return it to the League. Your participation is valuable and important.

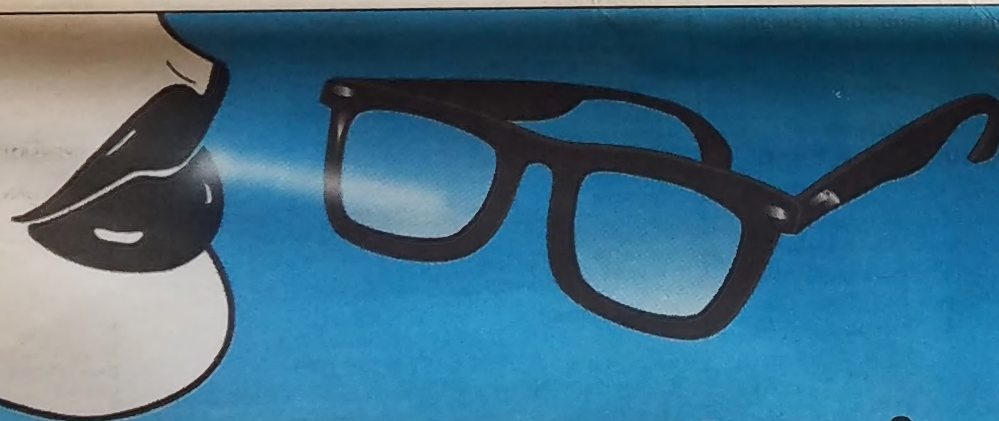
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Directors Cliff Ruff, Ted Hunt and Dennis P. Zine with LAPD Officer and West Covina Councilman, Richard Melendez.

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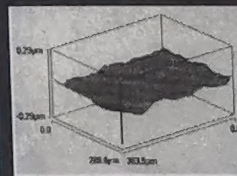
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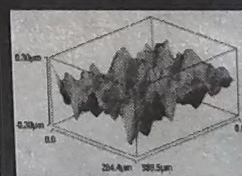
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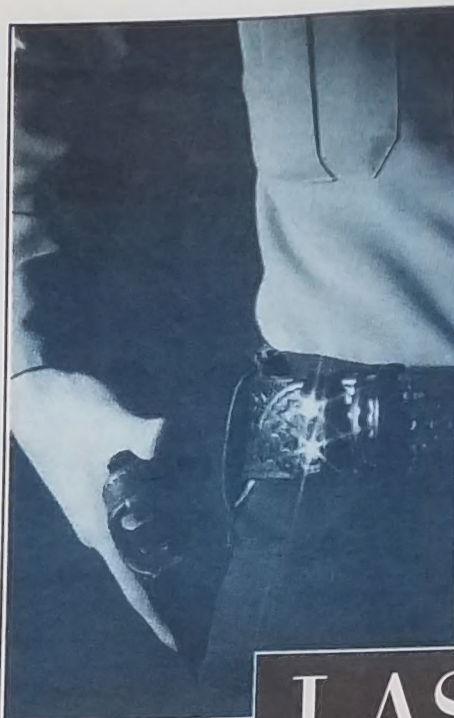
Is it busy out there or what? All I hear from the troops I speak to is that, even with more officers, it is getting harder and harder to get the job done. There are several reasons for this. First, we are being inundated with paperwork. From the patrol officer, to the field supervisor, and so on up the line there seems to be a never ending paper trail that never seems to please anyone. A very large part of this defoliation of the world is due to our wonderful complaint policy. A byproduct of this mess has been the virtual extinction of the commendation. It used to be that supervisors had the time to identify and document the good work of their officers, but nowadays, a supervisor has so much to do that he/she very rarely gets to actually observe the good work done. The only time the actions of their officers comes to their attention is when someone is complaining. Between complaints, projects, and community-based policing, who has time to write commendations? This is a great disservice to our officers because it creates an out-of-balance picture of the quality of work done by our officers. And Lord forbid that a supervisor request overtime to work on such trivial matters.

It seems that the saving of overtime has become an almost all-consuming passion of the command staff these days. But I saw in a recent City Council agenda that they transferred over \$500,000 from the police payroll account to fund some civilian firearms positions. So it seems that

there is always money available for the things the bosses want, but overtime for you? Surely you jest. Just remember what Councilmember Joel Wachs told me several years ago when discussing the City budget and our contract. He said, "Never let them tell you they don't have the money. They always have the money. It's just a matter of how they want to spend it." Obviously, they don't want to spend it on overtime, even if it means not being able to do an effective job.

I noticed recently that the Chief has reported a projected budget shortfall because he has had to pay too much overtime to our civilians to get the work done. It seems that he is having a difficult time hiring and retaining civilian employees, so the few that remain have to work too much overtime. I found it amusing that the excuse given for the difficulty in hiring and retaining civilians was because civilians feel that they are treated as second class employees compared to sworn officers. The truth of the matter is that civilians are treated too much like sworn officers in the sense that they are held to the same impossible disciplinary standards as sworn officers. Why should a civilian work for the Police Department and be disciplined for things not related to their work when they can work for Water and Power, make more money, and have no worry about an out-of-control disciplinary system?

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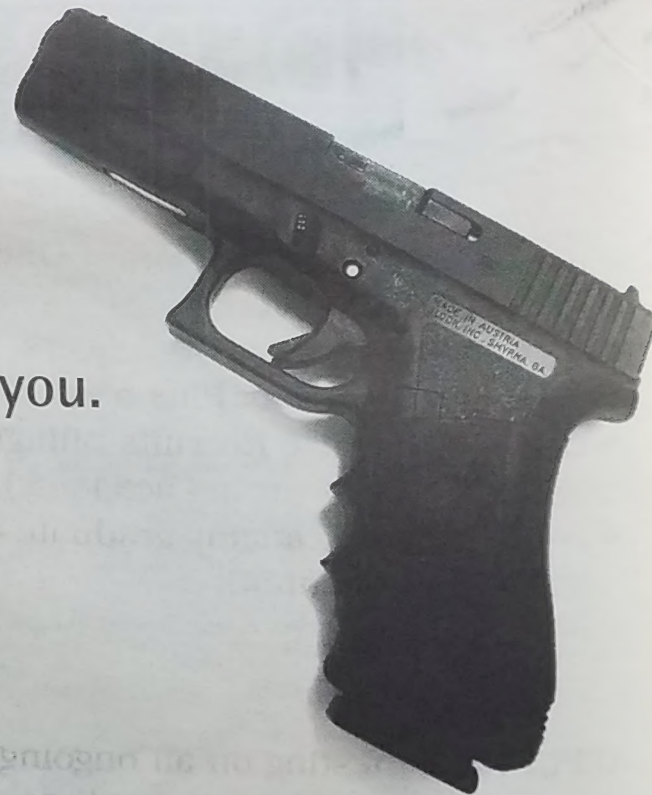
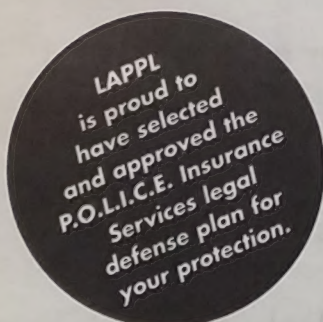
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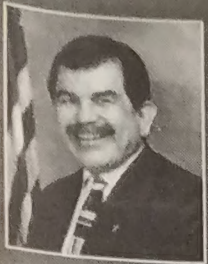
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League President Ted Hunt and City Councilman Alex Padilla recognize Lenny Muñoz at his retirement party.



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The League staff surround Lenny with love at his retirement party.

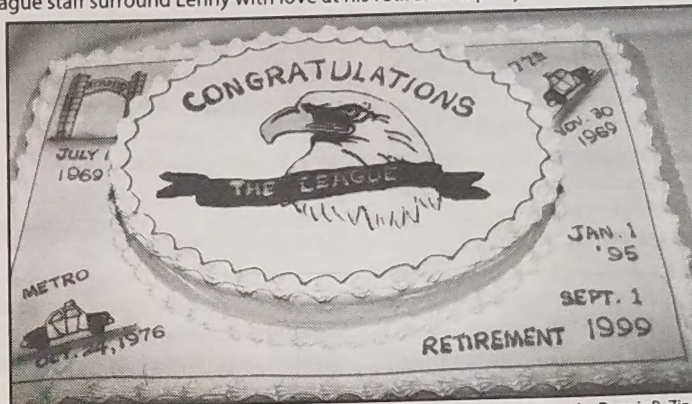


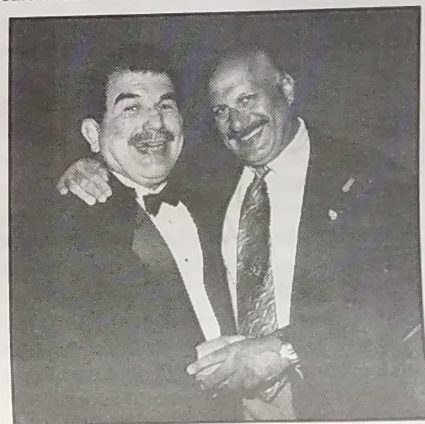
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Congratulations to Lenny Muñoz for 30 years of service.



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Lenny Muñoz and his wife Sadie along with Father Mike McCullough at Lenny's retirement party.



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## Vote

As you receive your October *Blue Line*, you will shortly receive your ballot for the primary election of League Directors. This year's primary election will be held for the position of Lieutenant, Sergeant, Detective and Police Officer. Next year's Board will have a minimum of three new Directors with the retirements of Lieutenant Dave Hepburn, Officer Lenny Munoz, and Detective Gary Fullerton.

Their retirements represent significant loss of leadership, knowledge, and experience. It will take the new Directors six months to a year of training to become fully-functional Directors, and this is in a contract year.

It is alarming that two out of three members do not vote in League elections. Is that because of voter apathy or is it that you're satisfied with our work at the League? Your future salaries, pension benefits, representation and working conditions depends on the skills, knowledge, and quality of the

nine Directors you elect to serve you. The election process is where you, the membership, hold the Directors accountable for their work ethic and service to the members.

Should you allow one-third of the membership to control your destiny? Voting is an important function you have in the direction and destiny of your bargaining unit.

Many times it is difficult for police officers who do not know the candidates or issues to become interested in the election process. Most often League Directors are elected on the basis of name recognition or popularity rather than job qualifications and skills. Once elected though, all Directors are sent to schools and seminars to hone their skills. The membership should do research and interview the candidates as to their experience and skills that would qualify them to be a good servant to the membership.

Ask the candidates to come to the roll calls or other forums to address issues.

What do the candidates know about pensions, employee representation, negotiating, interacting with management and politicians? Beware of pie-in-the-sky promises or reform-minded candidates without facts. Look for experience, knowledge, professionalism, and a commitment to serve the membership.

Most important, VOTE. Participate in the process that determines your future well-being.

## Pension Issues

Eighty percent of LAPD is on the Article 35 pension plan, which is vastly inferior to the Article 18 pension. Anyone hired after December 1980, is on Article 35. In a year, the first eligible 20-year retirements will be vested and eligible to leave.

The shortcoming of that system will become recognizable and relevant to a vast majority of the membership who will start demanding improvements to their pension benefits.

Thanks to the good work of Gary Mattingly and Tom Lopez in the Pen-

sion Department, our pension fund is close to being fully funded. But your Mayor, Richard Riordan, is taking advantage of the large equities return and is rumored to propose paying in \$100 million less in City contributions to pensions next year. That could be good news for next year's contract because they can't say, "We don't have the money to give you a raise." They have the money for a raise because of their failing to fully fund the system. The negative side to this \$100 million shortened payment is that if they would fully fund the system we could negotiate improved pension benefits for Article 35 officers.

Pay attention to your pension system no matter how much time you have on the job. Sooner or later we all collect the pension. Always work for improved pension benefits.

Be careful out there. Always think safety and plan for your future by fully participating in the League election process and voting for the best-qualified candidates to serve the entire membership.

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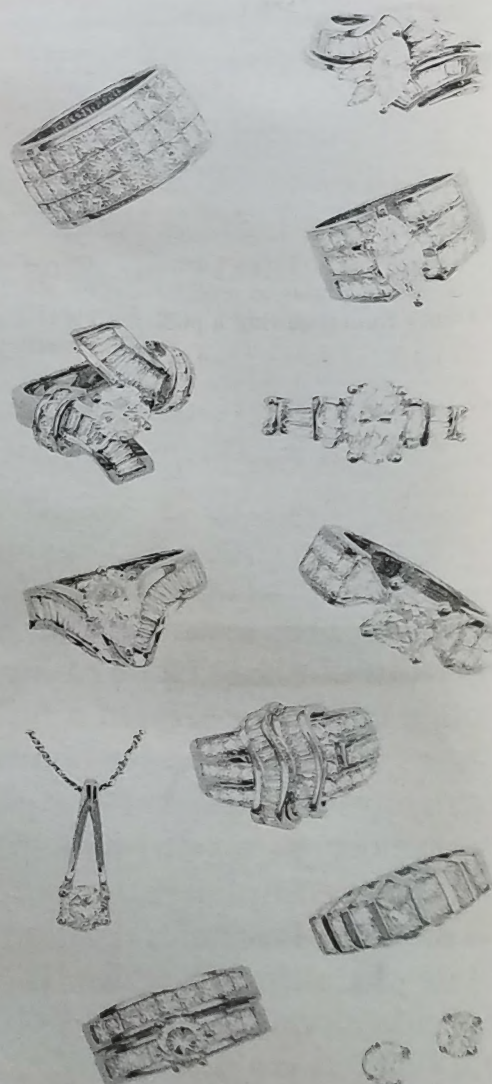
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## A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

by Hank Hernandez, Attorney at Law

### Legislative Update

On June 15, 1998, L.A.P.D. management unilaterally decided to post the photographs of Senior Lead Officers ("SLOs") on the Department's Web site (LAPD ONLINE.org) without the officers' consent. After receiving numerous complaints from SLOs regarding safety concerns, we at the League attempted to persuade management not to include officers' photographs on the Department's Web site without such officers' consent. After management refused to accommodate our legitimate safety concerns, we sought the assistance of the Police Commission, who assigned Commissioner Gerald Chaleff (now President of the Commission) to attempt to resolve the dispute. The parties had one meeting with Commissioner Chaleff, who eventually sided with management's views on the issue. The League was then forced to file a civil action in Superior Court seeking to enjoin the posting of officers' photographs.

On October 9, 1998, Judge Joseph R. Kalin agreed with our legal arguments and issued a preliminary injunction prohibiting the L.A.P.D. from posting on the Web site the photograph of any SLO who does not voluntarily consent to the posting.

We did not stop there. Being cognizant of the fact that throughout the State of California law enforcement administrators were probably giving little thought to the effects and safety concerns of Web site postings on individual peace officers of their departments, we decided to sponsor legislation that would offer all peace officers throughout the state the protections we had obtained locally from Judge Kalin. On February 26, 1999, Assemblymember Dean Florez (D-Bakersfield) introduced Assembly Bill 1586 (AB 1586) at our request. We are proud to inform you that on September 7, 1999, Governor Gray Davis signed AB 1586 into law after it passed both the Assembly and Senate.

Effective January 1, 2000, AB 1586 will add section 3307.5 to the Government Code. This new section adds a provision to the Public Safety Officers Procedural Bill of Rights to prohibit a public agency from requiring a public safety officer to consent to the posting of his or her photograph or identity on the Internet if the officer reasonably believes that the disclosure may result in a threat, harassment, intimidation or harm to that officer or his or her family. The new law will also permit the officer to notify the department or agency to

cease and desist from that disclosure and to seek an injunction and a civil monetary penalty in an amount not to exceed \$500 per day for unauthorized use of the officer's photograph after receipt of the notice to cease and desist.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to Assemblymember Florez and to Tim Yaryan, our lobbyist in Sacramento, for introducing and guiding this very significant legislation through the legislative process for us on behalf of all state public safety officers. Great job!

### Home Garaging Authorities Revoked

At the direction of the Police Commission, L.A.P.D. management was directed to drastically reduce all home-garaging authorities for City-owned police cars. As a result, Chief Bernard Parks established a new Home Garaging Review Committee ("HGRC") with the Chief of Staff as Chair; the Commanding Officer, Operations-Headquarters Bureau; and the Commanding Officer, Human Resources Bureau as Committee members. The HGRC met with all the Department executive officers and allegedly determined the "operational necessity" to continue, increase, or decrease home-garaging authorities throughout the Department. The HGRC submitted its recommendations through channels. As a result, on February 16, 1999, the Police Commission approved 333 HGAs for the Department; an embarrassing 33 percent reduction from a total of 495 HGAs, not including motorcycles and commanding officers' cars (their cars are protected by their MOU). Additionally, as a result of the reduced HGAs, the Department must now address parking requirements to identify 162 additional parking spaces that are primarily in the Civic Center area. At an average cost of \$100 per parking space per month, the cost of additional parking spaces is estimated at about \$194,400!

Police management will have to meet and confer with the League over the impact of the decision that the HGAs revocations will have on the wages, hours and other working conditions of the officers to be affected by this mindless revocation of their HGAs. We indeed have strong opposition to the changes and full implementation of the HGAs revocations will most likely take as long as six months to satisfactorily resolve. We will keep you posted of future developments.

What is very sad and ironic about management's actions in this regard is that the Police Commission and police management refuse to recognize that the Department is fast collapsing internally. For instance, we hear that routinely officers and detectives are being denied needed overtime to properly perform their law enforcement duties. This is not funny, but the crooks in this great City, the ones that steal professionally hundreds of thousands of dollars worth in autos, boats, jewelry, etc., must be laughing out very loud. What happened along the way to cause management to lose sight of the many studies that have clearly shown that 10 percent of the criminals commit 70 percent of crimes? Our once great police department is now the laughing stock in the law enforcement community. LASO detectives, CHP detectives, TRAP task force detectives and all other law

enforcement task forces statewide all have cars, overtime funds and other logistical resources in support of their missions, but our LAPD detectives and task forces' personnel do not. This is truly a professional embarrassment!

Oh well, it may be that soon when another law enforcement agency calls, or our dedicated detectives get a hot tip, they will have to let it go if it's after 1300 hours because there is no overtime available. Can we just imagine the millions in lost property and lost evidence throughout the City of Los Angeles? Will our expert professional detectives have to take an RTD bus to respond after duty hours to the next major mass shooting scene? Not our idea of doing things!

Keep in touch and have a safe and happy Halloween.

### News Release - September 16, 1999

**Los Angeles** - The Los Angeles Police Protective League ("League"), the police union for over 9,600 LAPD officers of the rank of Lieutenant and below, agrees with the statement made by Chief Parks that yesterday was indeed not a good day in Los Angeles because of the relief from duty of 12 of our members.

We have been in touch with all of the involved officers and our General Counsel has assigned panel attorneys to each of them for legal consultation.

We wish to remind the media and the public, in general, of the highly professional and competent work being performed on a daily basis, 24-hours-a-day, by the vast majority of our LAPD officers. All of them, like us at the union, do not condone nor support criminal actions by any individual - private citizen or officer. We must also avoid passing judgment on the guilt or innocence of our 12 officers simply because the Chief of Police acted within his legal duty in assigning these officers to inactive duty. The investigation is ongoing and eventually all relevant facts will be publicly disclosed.

We are hopeful and confident that the majority of the 12 officers relieved from duty will return to their jobs. Let's protect and be concerned about them and their families, as well as for their reputation and good name until such time when their guilt or innocence is finally established in a court of law.



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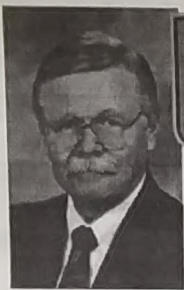
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## WARNING BELLS

by Gary Ingemunson, Attorney at Law

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### Slow Learners?

L.A.P.D. management is largely credited with the impetus that resulted in the passage of the Public Safety Officers Procedural Bill of Rights Act. The League was energized by the unfair treatment of officers and sought a set of laws to protect an officer's basic rights. Testimony of L.A.P.D. officers on their mistreatment by management in front of the lawmakers helped push the legislation through. That was over twenty years ago. Nowadays, most officers on the job have never known anything else. The right to representation, reasonable hours of interrogation, bathroom breaks, prohibition of threats, and so on are taken for granted. In the end, management's mistreatment of the troops had a beneficial effect, namely, statewide recognition of basic rights for police officers.

Almost five years ago, L.A.P.D. management radically altered the way that Officer Involved Shootings (O.I.S.) were handled. The League responded by establishing an attorney roll out program whenever an officer became involved in a shooting with a hit. Again, the younger officers on the job have never known anything different. It seems normal to them that they are entitled to an attorney "on the spot" when they are involved in an O.I.S. Once again, management's actions ultimately ended up benefiting police officers.

Now in 1999, L.A.P.D. management's decisions may ultimately give officers another benefit. The irrational and draconian disciplinary system instituted in 1998 has managed to make almost every officer on the job a "suspect." If not today, probably tomorrow. By placing every officer in jeopardy of being gangster-slapped by the discipline system in one way or another, management has created a fertile field for the opinion that an attorney in your war bag could be a good thing. Once again, the League has responded by negotiating a legal plan making attorney representation possible for all interviews, Skelly responses and Board of Rights. Even reimbursement for taking days off. Management should be hearing *warning bells*. The final result of this is unknown at this time, but let me speculate.

### A New Element in the Discipline Equation - Economics

The P.O.L.I.C.E. legal plan is administered by an insurance company. Insurance companies are really good at one thing above all others, making money. They analyze risk down to the fifth decimal place. They can tell you that young males will crash more than young females. They can tell you at

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This kind of expertise and the money behind it will now be analyzing the L.A.P.D. disciplinary system at the request of the League. Risk analysis and then risk management. How can this affect the lay of the land in the next two or three years? Here are some possibilities.

In a year, the League's insurance company will know down to the nickel where its representation dollar is being spent. The next step will be to manage the risk. Reducing the thousands of disciplinary interviews would be a logical first step. Any sergeant out there will tell you that he or she spends far too much time investigating obviously baloney complaints against officers because of the 1.28 policy. Everyone probably agrees with this, but nothing is done about it. Our insurance company has political clout. Maybe the Chief will hear from the Mayor about wasting police assets on frivolous complaints.

False complaints could be another area that might be addressed by an insurance company with an eye on reducing unnecessary interviews. How about a public education program about 148.6 P.C. (False complaint on a police officer)? Sort of a "make a false complaint, go to jail" billboard program. How about some political push to actually prosecute some of these liars?

Maybe the figures will show that a significant amount of attorney representation time is being expended in interviews regarding off-duty complaints from disgruntled neighbors, unhappy soon to be ex-spouses, civil disputes, and the like. How about assigning some appellate lawyers to focus their talents on creating case law recognizing privacy rights of police officers and restricting the Department's discipline investigations where there are bona fide civil courts and family law courts specifically trained and experienced in handling these kinds of disputes?

What if a particular commanding officer "recaps" far more disciplinary scalps in his or her division than the average commanding officer. How about targeting that commanding officer for multiple lawsuits until that C.O. no longer has time for an above average number of cover letters because of all the time being spent in depositions?

To our insurance company, it's nothing personal; it's just business.

### And Then There is the Nature of Attorneys

Suddenly, soon twenty-five or thirty League attorneys will be spending a major portion of their time dealing with L.A.P.D. disciplinary problems. Abusive Internal Affairs investigators will become quickly known among the attorneys, as they already are known among the defense representatives. The difference will be that the attorneys do not suffer the same handicap that the defense reps do because the attorneys do not work for the Department. An abused defense rep can report the abuse to the Department where it is usually ignored, but the attorney will go right into court. Being told to sit down and shut up by a higher ranking investigator may happen to the defense representative, but it won't happen to the attorneys. A different standard of behavior will be in force when non-Department attorneys are present at interviews.

Also, thirty League attorneys immersed in L.A.P.D. matters day after day are going to stumble across many a potential lawsuit where lack of interest or lack of knowledge previously safeguarded the Department. With a little experience, the attorneys will be falling all over themselves setting the Department up for future action in court. Expect an increase in lawsuits somewhere in the vicinity of last year's increase in personnel complaints.

Finally, scheduling interviews will become more difficult for everyone. This is unfortunate, but easily foreseeable. A defense rep might be ordered to be somewhere at a particular date and time, but that will be a little more difficult to accomplish though an attorney's secretary. And the interview itself will likely be more complex (read longer) with attorney input. Some of them think they are being paid by the word. In short, the Department is likely to look back at the good old days when all they had to deal with was defense reps. (Well, they should have treated the reps better and given them more support.)

The defense reps, on the other hand, will likely welcome the reinforcements. Accused officers will get the best of both worlds. A defense rep familiar with the institutional issues and an attorney familiar with the legal issues, each supporting the other.

Ten years from now, it may well be that the new officers will think that officers have always had the right to have an attorney assist them in a personnel complaint interview. Or maybe, L.A.P.D. management will have finally learned its lesson and fair treatment of officers and good leadership will make attorney participation unnecessary.....

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### Executive Board Position

I wish to thank my colleagues on the Board for unanimously voting for me to be the new League Secretary. I am committed to doing a professional and accurate job as the League's official recorder. Our documents will meet the highest standards of excellence under my watchful eye. This added responsibility will not detract from my many activities at City Hall.

### Minority Associations and the League

The League has had a rocky relationship with some of the Department's minority organizations over the years. While your League has been close to most of the Department's groups, others have not shared an open and cordial

### And They Keep Moving On

Many of you have asked about the number of officers leaving the Department. I have heard many rumors and decided to find out the facts and put the rumors to rest. The following information was obtained from official City sources and reflect accurate records on personnel leaving the Department.

In addition to the growing departure of highly trained, dedicated and experienced personnel, the Department is having a difficult time recruiting new officers. There are millions of dollars in both federal and local funds available to hire new officers, but fewer candidates are applying to join. There are a number of reasons for this lack of interest in the LAPD. It is the only Department in Southern California without any form of Compressed Work Schedule. While many of our officers are quitting to join departments with a C.W.S., others are just not interested in

### Morgan

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will all lose. Once again, I will keep you informed of the negotiation process for this important event. Remember, this event is scheduled after our contract expires. I don't think, I need to say more.

### Recommendation to Establish an 'AD HOC' Committee on the Delegates System and Possible Reform was Made to the Board

During our Delegates Conference, I went to the Delegates and asked them how and what should Delegates be doing and how could we do it better. The responses were overwhelming. I honestly believe the ideas and plans for our organization will greatly enhance our ability to communicate and provide service to our members. I requested the Board authorize an "AD HOC" committee be established to evaluate and prepare a report that would address the various modifications to the current system. I believe the report will clearly benefit our members and the future of our organization. I plan on having such a report completed by the first of the year and hopefully implement the rec-

ommendations as directed by the committee and the Board. This will further assist us in our contract negotiations and our future plans.

### The Los Angeles Police Relief Association Prepares To Move Into Their New Facility at the Protective League Building!

Yes, the construction, improvements, new furniture, and move in are almost complete. The project took almost year to put together and the Boards worked collectively towards this important project. The membership will now have one location to address their medical, dental, and personal needs. I believe the project will greatly improve the working relationship between the two organizations and the ultimate service to our members. I would like to once again thank the Police Relief Board of Directors for their support and effort in moving this project forward. This project is something I have worked extensively on for almost two years and the end results are very rewarding. The vision and direction of your Protective League is improving and our future will continue to address such recommendations and efforts.

## WHY IS YOUR BOSS A MORON?

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relationship. I have volunteered to establish a new committee called the "Affiliate Organizations." This organization will invite all of the Department's organizations representing sworn members to join in quarterly meetings to share concerns and work together to solve problems and improve the working conditions of all our members. The meetings will be open to all "Affiliate Organization" members with the leaders of those organizations chairing the meetings on a rotating basis. No single organization will control the affiliates since all organizations will be equal and share in the responsibilities.

It sometime appears that instead of being the "LAPD Family" we are potential guests for the Jerry Springer Show. I hope all elected representatives of the many Department Affiliate Organizations see the benefits of working together and participate in the "Affiliate Organizations."

Our first order of business will be to refer to all Department Organizations as "Affiliate Organizations" instead of minority organizations. Working together, we can all make a difference and improve the working conditions of the Department for all personnel.

The following organizations currently assist personnel in a variety of ways ranging from training programs and promotional seminars to social and diversity understanding.

Golden State Peace Officers Assn.  
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Law Enforcement Assn. of Asian Pacific  
Los Angeles Police Command Officers Assn.  
Los Angeles Police Foundation  
Los Angeles Police Historical Society  
Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation  
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Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation  
Los Angeles Police Revolver & Athletic Club  
Los Angeles Women Police Officers Assn.  
Oscar Joel Bryant Foundation  
Shomrim Society of Southern California  
William H. Parker Police Memorial Foundation

joining a department without a C.W.S. and operating in a 1950's tyrannical management style.

Will Department management listen? I believe they are beginning to listen and make subtle changes for the better. Terminations at Boards of Rights have reduced and we are currently working with the Department to modify the out of control 1.28 complaint process. The Department appears willing to meet and confer on issues with a new cooperative attitude. Could it be that Chief Parks has realized that he has successfully alienated the League and thousands of officers, many community groups and nearly the entire City Council with his arrogance in his first two years as Chief? Could it be that he is changing to gain support for his confirmation for a second term?

### Survey.....

The following numbers reflect Pen- sions, Resignations, Terminations and Deaths during the listed fiscal years:

1994 - 95	479
1995 - 96	416
1996 - 97	458
1997 - 98	373
1998 - 99	478

There were 169 Resignations, Terminations and Deaths in the last 6 months of the 1998 calendar year.

Are things better, worse or just the same? You be the judge..

### City Hall Activity

The City Council has been pushing forward with ordinances necessary to implement the new voter-approved City Charter Reform measures.

Council President John Ferraro appointed Council Members Laura Chick, Jackie Goldberg, Nate Holden, Mike Feuer and Joel Wachs to oversee the process.

I will be monitoring the progress and making sure you are protected with the new ordinances. The new City Charter takes effect July 1, 2000. Many of the Charter's provisions impact our job and benefits.



Director Dennis P. Zine and President of Rec & Parks, Steve Soboroff, inspecting the Staples Convention Center.



photo by Dennis P. Zine

### City Hall Profile- Do you Know Them?

You are on patrol and observe a minor traffic violation. You stop the violator in the E plate vehicle and approach with curiosity. The person does not look familiar, but you believe they may be an elected City official. You ask for their driver's license, vehicle registration and insurance card. As the person removes their driver's license, you notice a badge and become more curious. It turns out that the person is an elected city official. You politely explain the violation to the individual and decide to give them a warning. They depart and you return to patrol duties. You notify your supervisor of the in-

cident and that is the last you hear of it.

In order for you to easily recognize our elected City officials, I am going to feature their photo and profile each month. This month City Attorney James K. Hahn will be profiled. In future months, all council members and other elected City officials will be featured.

See Political frontline Section on page 12.

### Dates To Remember

October is the month to dress funny and act the fool. Just visit Hollywood Blvd. on Halloween and you will see for yourself. It is quite an experience.

Happy Halloween to you and yours.



# POLITICAL FRONTLINE



## James Kenneth Hahn

James Kenneth Hahn was born July 3, 1950, the son of Kenneth and Ramona Hahn, and has been a lifelong resident of Los Angeles. He and his wife, Monica Ann, were married May 19, 1984, and have a daughter, Karina Natalie, and a son, Jackson Kenneth Hahn. The Hahns reside in San Pedro.

Hahn attended Los Angeles city schools and graduated magna cum laude from Pepperdine University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in

being admitted to the California Bar, Hahn joined the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office in 1975 and worked as a city prosecutor for four years. Hahn was successful in his first run for public office and was elected City Controller on June 2, 1981. He was sworn in on July 1 of that year as the fifth and youngest City Controller ever elected to the office.

On April 9, 1985, Hahn was elected Los Angeles City Attorney in the primary election. He was sworn in on July 1 of



City Attorney James Hahn and Dennis P. Zine.

1972. Hahn was graduated with a Juris Doctor degree in 1975 from Pepperdine School of Law and was admitted to the California Bar later that same year. After

that year. He has since been re-elected to three additional four-year terms. He was sworn in on July 1, 1997, to begin a new term which will run until July 1, 2001.

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## Governor Signs Internet Photo Bill

League-sponsored bill, AB 1586, authored by Assembly Member Dean Florez, was recently signed into law by Governor Gray Davis.

The bill prohibits a police officer from being required by his or her employing department or any other public agency, as a condition of employment, to consent to the use of his or her photograph or identity as a public safety officer on the Internet for any purpose if the officer reasonably believes that the disclosure may result in a threat, harassment, intimidation, or harm to that officer or his or her family. The bill would permit the officer to notify the department or agency to cease or desist from that disclosure and to seek an injunction and a civil penalty for unauthorized use after receipt of the notice to cease and desist.

As City Attorney, Hahn manages an office comprised by 400 attorneys, backed up by a support staff of 358, which is one of the largest municipal law offices in the nation. The Criminal Branch of the office files almost 160,000 criminal complaints each year. The Civil Branch of the office—which is the legal advisor to all city departments and agencies—not only handles traditional municipal legal matters, such as land use, contracts, personal injury and zoning, but also represents the city's billion-dollar pension system, the Harbor Department, Airport Department, Department of Water and Power, Community Redevelopment Agency and the city Housing Authority, which is one of the largest public housing authorities in the nation.

Under Hahn's leadership, the Civil Branch underwent a complete reorganization in 1998 to modernize its operation. The reorganization included creation of a new Police Division and LAPD Liaison Unit to consolidate and expand the resources dedicated to providing legal services to the Los Angeles Police Department. A part of the Police Division is the Police Litigation Section, which Hahn created in 1991 to meet the challenge of the growing number of claims and lawsuits filed against the LAPD. That effort has resulted in a dramatic decline in the cost to taxpayers of claims and lawsuits since the litigation explosion that began hitting government entities around the nation in the early 1990s. Hahn also has been a leader in promoting risk management procedures as long-term solutions to the problems that lead to litigation costs.

As City Attorney, Hahn has focused his efforts on restoring and preserving the quality of life in Los Angeles neighborhoods through the innovative use of the law. In June, 1998, those efforts were recognized by the Los Angeles County Bar Association which honored him with its Career Achievement Award.

Upon being elected City Attorney in 1985, Hahn created a Gang Unit and made its first assignment the writing of a package of new state laws—the Street Terrorism Enforcement and Prevention (STEP) Act—designed to combat criminal street gangs as a new form of organized crime. Hahn, who has made

combating gangs one of his top priorities, also pioneered the use of state public nuisance laws to carry out gang abatements against such notorious criminal street gangs as the 18th Street Gang, Culver City Boys, Langdon Street Gang, Mara Salvatrucha Gang, Harpys Gang and Blythe Street Gang.

Hahn also re-established a Domestic Violence Unit in his office and fought for funding to make it the largest such unit in the nation with a no-drop policy on prosecuting batterers. In addition, he has led a legislative effort which has resulted in California now having the toughest domestic violence laws in the nation.

Slum housing prosecutions by Hahn's Housing Enforcement Unit—which coordinates the Slum Housing Task Force—have resulted in 20,000 substandard dwelling units being returned to the city's housing stock; defendants being required to pay a total of \$6.9 million in fines, costs and charitable donations; and about 150 convicted slumlords being sent to jail or forced to live under house arrest in their own buildings.

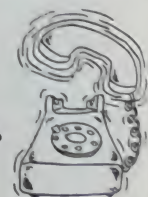
The Housing Enforcement Unit is a part of Hahn's Special Operations Branch which also contains the Consumer Protection Unit, Environmental Protection Unit, the nation's first AIDS/HIV Discrimination Unit which Hahn created in 1986, and the Special Enforcement Unit, which handles an array of complex, cutting-edge criminal cases, including child abuse and molestation, workplace safety, worker exploitation, and obscenity cases, as well as cases involving criminal conduct on the Internet.

Hahn also was instrumental in creating the FALCON Narcotics Abatement Unit, a task force which combats neighborhood blight caused by drug trafficking and related criminal activity. He also teamed up with other city officials to create the Citywide Nuisance Abatement Program (CNAP), another task force—the first of its kind in the nation—which is charged with targeting the worst abandoned structures and nuisance properties plaguing Los Angeles neighborhoods. During its first year of operation in 1997-98, CNAP targeted 530 problem locations around the city and carried out 380 successful abatements.



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Letters may be limited to 350 words or less. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Dear Editor:

## Child Psychology

"Out of the mouths of babes..."

Many times as a police officer we find ourselves faced with incidents that call on any and all emotions. For the large percentage of officers we find numerous ways and techniques to cope with the non-stop psychological and physical attacks on our bodies. The statistics are readily available when one discusses the aspects of the job on officers (alcohol, mental breakdown and suicide).

"Out of the mouths of babes..."

In November of 1998 I became involved in an off duty incident that caused an outside agency to respond. This incident appeared to be just a simple traffic incident... so I thought.

In January of this year I received a letter from the San Bernardino County D.A.'s office. The letter advised me that I had been filed on for brandishing a firearm. Before I could digest that information, a week later I found myself rushed to the hospital and undergoing emergency surgery. Only later to be told that I was just minutes from visiting the "grim reaper."

After ten days in the hospital and 55 pounds lighter, I found that I was unable to fight my way out of a wet paper bag. I was very depressed and needed the aid of my wife just to get in and out of a car. This was a point of dependency that I had never required and was having major problems accepting. However, my five-year-old son was not sure why his dad could not play with him and looked like a broke down Yugo. Often my son would bring me something to drink, help with my shoes and ask if I was okay, and most of all he would say "I love you."

As I was recovering from my surgery, I received a letter from the Chief of Police stating that my promotion to sergeant was placed on hold. Upon returning to work I was removed from my primary duties and found myself shuffling papers from one side of the desk to the other. I was interviewed on the personnel complaint and found myself in a jury trial on the brandishing, which was dismissed (\$5,000 later). I also found myself taking the last sergeant exam and I stubbed my toe. Now I understand how Caesar felt at that luncheon.

With my stress levels riding on high for more than seven months, the only psychological stabilizer I had was my son telling me how much he loved me. I found it wonderful when we held hands as we walked down the street or to the store. I got great joy in listening to my son telling me about his day. It had become clear that my son contained my sanity. "Out of the mouths of babes."

Jeffrey Wilson, #24837  
Training Division

Dear Editor:

On August 20, 1999, P.O. III Paul Cardinet, #27845, lost his courageous fight with cancer. Paul was a fun-loving, dedicated man who was loyal to every member of this Department, serving over nine years to the city of Los Angeles.

As a small token to Paul's dedication to us all, a citywide "End of Watch" broadcast was made in his

honor on the day of his passing. I was dismayed and to say the least very disappointed that some members of this Department called and complained about the broadcast and the fact that it was made citywide.

The few people who voiced their objection have obviously lost sight of something I have valued for 25 years, and instead have only a very narrow perspective of their own arrogant self worth. Yes, many unfortunately did not personally know this man; however, the fact that he was a Los Angeles Police Officer should be enough. We have truly become self-focused and self-absorbed in our own importance. Our little clubs and separate organizations have fractionalized us to the point that we cannot even hold sacred the passing of our own, unless it personally affects us and/or our little groups. This should be an embarrassment to those people who would object to such a small token of appreciation, but I know that they somehow already rationalized their incredible shortsightedness.

I am available to anyone who has another perspective on this matter. You can leave me a message at 818-623-4016 or contact me by LAN at 21126, or by E-mail at GAVinger@aol.com. I welcome your point of view.

Sincerely,  
Greg A. Vinger

Dear Board of Directors:

In December of 1998 my father-in-law passed away. In his will he named my wife as executrix. With the many laws and procedures involving wills and probate my wife knew she would need the services of an attorney. A fellow officer advised me that the Protective League would assist her in this matter. I contacted the League office and explained the situation and within an hour I was called back and given the name of a probate attorney. I was also told that we would have a free counseling session.

The attorney we were referred to was a Mr. A. Martin Lybrand. Upon calling Mr. Lybrand's office, an appointment was made for the following day. From the beginning, my wife and I could both see that Mr. Lybrand was professional and very knowledgeable.

Probate usually takes twelve to eighteen months on the average, sometimes much longer if not handled properly. Through his hard work and dedication Mr. Lybrand completed the process in seven months. During the course of the seven months, my wife had to meet with Mr. Lybrand on several occasions to sign court documents. Mr. Lybrand's office is in downtown Los Angeles (50 miles one way from our residence). Mr. Lybrand was kind enough to meet half way in the valley to save my wife the hundred-mile journey.

My wife and I would like to thank the Protective League for their quick response to our request for assistance, and to let the League know what an outstanding job Mr. Lybrand did.

Sincerely,  
Walter B. Thornhill  
West Valley Area  
cc: Mr. A. Martin Lybrand

Dear Editor:

My name is Christopher Hill. I am 19 years old. I am about to go into the National Guard to become a military

policeman. I am also thinking of making law enforcement my lifelong career when I return to my community.

The reason I am writing you is because I was wondering if I could have a L.A. Police Officer as a pen-pal. You see I was coming home every day from school watching the courage and dedication of the Officers of the Los Angeles Police Department on television that made me want to get into law enforcement.

I do not know if I will ever get the chance to be an officer with the Los Angeles Police Department because I

live so far away. That is why I would like so much to have an LAPD officer as a pen-pal. I believe the Los Angeles Police Department is the best Department in the world. I would truly consider it a privilege to have one of your courageous officers as a pen-pal.

Thank you for all your inspiration.

Sincerely,  
Christopher Hill  
4201 Abbeydale Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28205-4607

## END OF WATCH



NAME: Matthew Cunningham #4450  
RANK: Policeman  
ASSIGNED TO: University  
BORN: May 26, 1918  
APPT: April 7, 1947  
RETIRED: April 19, 1972  
DIED: July 14, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Jack D. Rich #4751  
RANK: Policeman  
ASSIGNED TO: Newton  
BORN: July 13, 1922  
APPT: July 1, 1947  
RETIRED: July 16, 1966  
DIED: July 19, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Donald A. Ramsey #10385  
RANK: Investigator II  
ASSIGNED TO: Central  
BORN: (No birthdate found)  
APPT: August 3, 1959  
RETIRED: June 8, 1983  
DIED: July 25, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Robert O. Merritt #1344  
RANK: Sergeant  
ASSIGNED TO: West L.A.  
BORN: (No birthdate found)  
APPT: May, 1937  
RETIRED: July 9, 1958  
DIED: July 26, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Kenneth T. Carpenter #4514  
RANK: Investigator II  
ASSIGNED TO: Bunco Forgery  
BORN: January 15, 1916  
APPT: April 28, 1947  
RETIRED: December 3, 1968  
DIED: July 30, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: William Jacquez #4463  
RANK: Policeman  
ASSIGNED TO: Hollenbeck  
BORN: June 25, 1920  
APPT: April 7, 1947  
RETIRED: August 12, 1967  
DIED: August 8, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Thomas G. Crenshaw #3385  
RANK: Investigator III  
ASSIGNED TO: 77th Street  
BORN: February 7, 1922  
APPT: November 18, 1945  
RETIRED: January 19, 1971  
DIED: August 9, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: George Bell #4563  
RANK: Policeman  
ASSIGNED TO: Communications  
BORN: November 14, 1921  
APPT: June 16, 1947  
RETIRED: September 16, 1967  
DIED: August 10, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Charles B. Yocum #6193  
RANK: Investigator I  
ASSIGNED TO: Narcotics  
BORN: April 16, 1917  
APPT: May 16, 1949  
RETIRED: June 30, 1978  
DIED: August 10, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Joseph P. Simms #3831  
RANK: Policeman  
ASSIGNED TO: P.I.C.  
BORN: October 16, 1919  
APPT: October 16, 1946  
RETIRED: September 29, 1970  
DIED: August 11, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Paul A. Cardinet #27845  
RANK: Police Officer III  
ASSIGNED TO: North Hollywood  
BORN: November 16, 1956  
APPT: June 25, 1990  
ACTIVE  
DIED: August 20, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Richard E. David #3395  
RANK: Lieutenant  
ASSIGNED TO: Jail  
BORN: November 17, 1919  
APPT: November 5, 1945  
RETIRED: March 13, 1976  
DIED: August 21, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Carl E. Johnson #7924  
RANK: Sergeant II  
ASSIGNED TO: Newton  
BORN: August 20, 1936  
APPT: October 28, 1957  
RETIRED: September 30, 1995  
DIED: August 21, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Roger P. Church #14700  
RANK: Police Officer III  
ASSIGNED TO: Harbor  
BORN: January 11, 1945  
APPT: December 1, 1968  
RETIRED: July 6, 1996  
DIED: August 28, 1999



# FOR YOUR INFORMATION



For Your Information is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

## The Heart of a Lion

by Larry Poehls

On August 20, 1999, P.O. III Paul Cardinet rested his head on his pillow for the final time. Today he succumbed to the demon of diseases that takes thousands of vibrant people every year—cancer. Over the past couple of years I got to know Paul a bit better, as we watched football games in his apartment while he was fighting his battle, or met in the station hallways on one of his frequent visits to North Hollywood. Paul's life was centered around the Los Angeles Police Department. While home during his long battle, officers would stop by his apartment and visit with him. He always made sure that our radios were turned up so he could hear what was or wasn't happening. You never had enough stories to tell him, as

he always wanted more. He may have been out of sight of many in the Department, but the Department was never out of his sight. On August 11, 1998, he was married to Jakkie at a ceremony at the North Hollywood Police Station. He stood proud in his uniform, even though the unstoppable enemy already ravaged his body. In the end, he wanted to be remembered as a Los Angeles Police Officer, and laid to rest in the uniform that he loved so much. In the eyes and heart of Paul, this Department was the best in the world. The Department has lost its biggest fan and its most devoted son. The Department has lost part of its soul.

In all of our contacts with Paul, not once did anyone ever hear him complain about his situation. To the contrary, he always maintained that he would win his battle and return to work to fight other

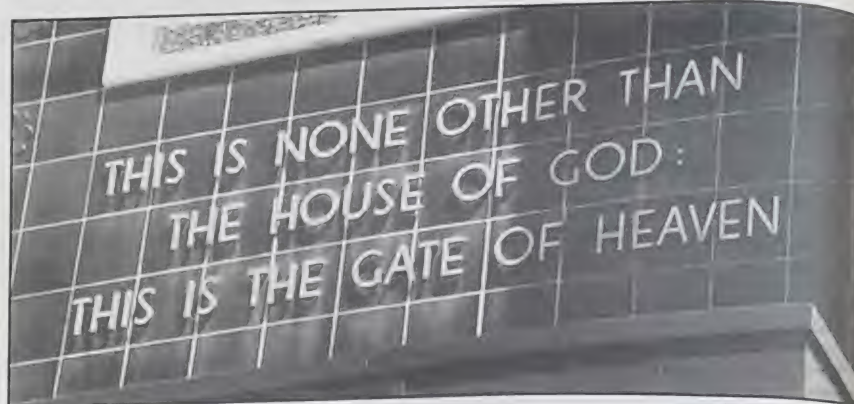


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battles. Several times over this period we rushed him to the hospital in what we thought was his final code-3 run in a police car. Every time he proved us wrong and returned to continue the fight. He refused to lie down and allow the demon to take him away. He fought fiercely and with more passion than thought humanly possible. Paul *always* portrayed a positive, upbeat attitude, and *never* allowed us to be anything else. Paul

lived life every day and made sure that those around him did the same. God must have really wanted Paul badly to take him away from his earthly loved ones so soon. I know Paul is watching over us from up there, just as the King of Beasts looks over his pride. Paul has something that I hope to find some day. Paul has the heart of a lion.



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photo by Dennis P. Zine



photo by Dennis P. Zine

## Tribute to Officer Paul Cardinet

When Officer Paul Cardinet, #27845, passed away on Friday, August 20, 1999, at 1352 hours, my partner, Officer Isaac Martinez made an End of Watch broadcast announcing his passing. An addition to this, an employee downtown wrote a very touching 30-second EOW broadcast and it was sent out citywide. To my dismay and shame I was advised that several people (I refrain from using the words "police officers" because obviously they're not) complained about the broadcast. One even stated, "Why did it have to be citywide? We didn't even know the guy."

Let me tell you people a few things about Paul that you don't know:

1. Paul was 42 years old.
2. Paul was married, leaving behind a broken-hearted widow, dad and brother.
3. Paul battled a horrible disease for over two years without complaint or self pity.
4. Paul was a street cop whose only desire was to come back to join his brother and sister officers in the unrelenting fight to maintain peace and safety in this city.
5. Paul was hospitalized after winning the Police Star for bravery.
6. Paul displayed all the qualities expected of a Los Angeles Police Officer. He fought the battle with cancer with quiet courage and he kept the faith to the end.

This is the only thing about Paul that you people need to know:

1. Paul was a Los Angeles Police Officer and therefore *deserving* of that citywide broadcast whether you knew him personally or not.

I and the undersigned officers are saddened by this display of selfishness. We were taught by the old timers who came before us that we are a special breed, willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for our brothers and sisters. Apparently that tradition has gone the way of the dinosaur. Was there a reason you couldn't give up 30 seconds of airtime to honor a fallen comrade? Speaking for myself and the rest of the dinosaurs at North Hollywood Area, we really pity you.

Officers Gene Ferone, #22433; Larry Taylor, #21830; Isaac Martinez, #25978; Robert Rowedder, #26915; Jake Fernandez, #26455; Chris Razo, #33276; Matt Jones, #34406; Tito Mariscal, #27227; Roy Guthrie, #26211; Mike Patriquin, #26502; Ron Foxhoven, #35157; Ivan Guillermo, #35060; Steve Rakoski, #35173; Tom Bronley, #21009; Bryan Pinto, #35170; Gretchen Schultz, #34564; Tracy Callis, #34621; Jose Alvarez, #34962; Jorge Juarez, #34870; Jonathan Kirkpatrick, #33335; Shelley Gale, #24119; Norma Stang, #33434; Paul Scott, #31460; Robert Munoz, #33266; Scott Young, #30686; Carol Sawamura, #31322; Mike Jensen, #17648; Allen Kamai, #31336; Sr. PSR Joane Bryant.

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Perceptions of Crime and Policing in Los Angeles Neighborhoods

#### Some Results from a USC Survey of Four LAPD Areas

by Cheryl Maxson,  
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March, 1999

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#### The Survey

In winter 1997-98, a survey was mailed to a random sample of households in four (out of 18) LAPD Areas, Hollenbeck, Pacific, Southeast and West Valley. The people who answered the survey lived evenly throughout the Areas and were representative of the other people living there. Slightly fewer young adults, Latinos, and non-English speakers answered the survey. Overall, 1,405 people responded to the survey (57% cooperation). This paper reports the survey results on residents' fear of crime, contact with the police, opinions of the police, and perceptions of neighborhood problems and priorities for police resources.

#### The LAPD Areas

The four LAPD Areas surveyed were chosen because they were different. Each area presented different potential obstacles to effective surveys. Challenges include reaching residents who have lower incomes (Southeast, Hollenbeck); who speak languages other than English (Hollenbeck, Southeast, and Pacific); and who might be intimidated by high violent crime rates (Southeast, to a lesser extent Hollenbeck and Pacific). The LAPD Areas selected had different crime profiles: Southeast and Hollenbeck suffer more violent crimes, Pacific and Southeast more property crimes, Hollenbeck lower property crimes and West Valley lower violent crimes.

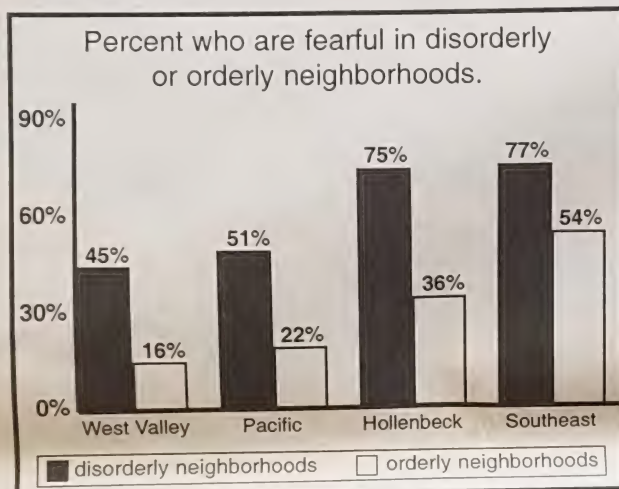
#### Specific Results From the Survey

##### Fear of Crime

Fear of crime affects people's quality of life, and their perceptions of crime and safety. As expected, these areas differ dramatically in levels of fear of crime. While 70% of Southeast and 62% of Hollenbeck were somewhat or very fearful, only 32% of the West Valley and 33% of Pacific responded that way.

##### What Factors Are Associated With Fear?

Aside from direct experiences of crime victimization and the rate of crime in these areas, what else does the survey suggest about who is fearful and why? In the neighborhoods surveyed, gender (women feel more vulnerable to crime than men); neighborhood "dis-



order" (defined as places where people are hanging out on the streets, lots or buildings are abandoned, vandalism and graffiti are problems); and neighborhood social cohesion (levels of trust, good will, and shared values among neighbors) each were strongly related to fear. Across these areas, 46% to 77% of respondents who live in "disorderly" neighborhoods are fearful, compared to 16% to 54% of those who live in orderly neighborhoods. Further, within disorderly neighborhoods, fear was 24 percentage points lower among residents who reported living in places where residents trust and feel close to one another than those living in neighborhoods not described as cohesive.

##### Contact With the Police

Most respondents in the four areas reported police were doing an okay or a good job, were fair, trustworthy, help-

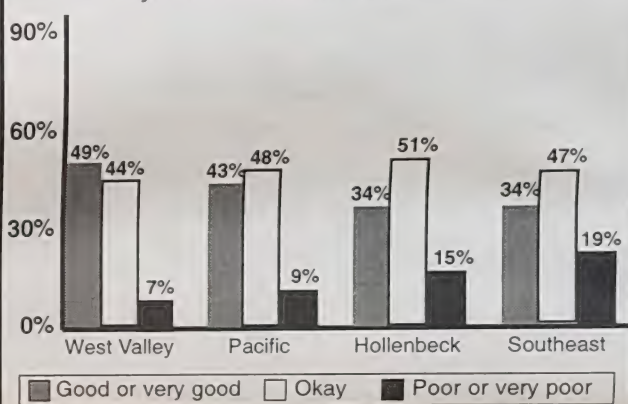
ful and concerned. Respondents in Southeast were most critical, those in West Valley most supportive. Respondents also thought the LAPD was doing a better job at protecting people and preventing crime than at working together with the community.

Overall, respondents from lower violent crime neighborhoods tend to give police more favorable ratings than respondents living in places higher in violent crime. Opinions of police are also affected by the media and by personal experiences with the police. Persons having only "traditional" contacts (related to crimes or problems) report less favorable opinions than persons having "community" contacts with police (informal interactions with police on patrol or at meetings, events, or other activities).

##### Neighborhood Problems & Priorities

Having residents identify neighborhood problems helps the police understand their needs more clearly. The

Overall, how good a job are the police doing in your neighborhood this year?



problems mentioned most frequently by respondents varied for each LAPD Area. Hollenbeck and Southeast were more likely to identify social problems such as gangs and drugs, while West Valley and Pacific respondents were more concerned about property and traffic crimes. However, the need for more police or more police visibility was among the five most frequently mentioned problems in each of the four LAPD Areas.

Respondents were asked if more resources came to your police station, what would you like to see improved or given more attention: patrolling, responding to 911, investigating crimes, working with community, or coordinating with other city services? Three areas responded that they wanted more

patrolling, while West Valley respondents made responding to 911 calls their first priority. Nearly half of Southeast respondents named "meeting with community" as their 1st, 2nd, or 3rd priority.

#### Conclusions and Recommendations

The survey was conducted in only four of the eighteen LAPD Areas, so the results do not represent the perceptions and attitudes of the entire city. These preliminary conclusions and recommendations are offered.

1. Annual surveys of Los Angeles communities should be undertaken to track changing perceptions of fear of crime, neighborhood disorder, police-community contact, opinions of police, and public safety priorities. Results should be distributed among the LAPD and communities to facilitate joint problem identification, goal setting and tracking progress toward goals.
2. Community-police partnerships that are sensitive to the unique challenges and opportunities within each LAPD

Area should be fostered to address local priorities effectively, because areas differ greatly in the challenges they face.

3. Community-police partnerships that identify the reduction of fear of crime as a priority should focus on community policing strategies that work to reduce disorder and promote social cohesion which may help defuse high levels of fear.

4. Community-police partnerships that make police/community relations a priority should promote opportunities for informal interactions between officers and residents, so they will develop a more positive relationship with individual police officers, and improve perceptions of the entire department.
5. With input from area community-police partnerships, LAPD management should continue to explore ways of increasing police visibility, which improves the public's perception of the LAPD.

For a complete report, please contact Dr. Cheryl Maxson, Social Science Research Institute, University of Southern California, Los Angeles 90089-0375.

### Attention Off-Duty Officers

If you are working an off-duty job you should know the salary schedule we publish for our members working movie job security for the Motion Picture and Television Industry. While this schedule applies to the media industry, you are encouraged to use it with your off-duty jobs.

We should never permit our highly trained and dedicated members to work for peanut wages. The risks are too high and the Department is not very sympathetic when a 1.28 complaint is generated while you are working off duty.

#### Los Angeles Police Department

Off-Duty Salary Rates (Hourly)  
July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2000

Rank	July 1, 1999
Police Officer II	\$30.91
Police Officer III	\$32.58
Police Sergeant I	\$36.47
Police Lieutenant I	\$42.92
Police Officer II (Assigned to two-wheel motorcycle)	\$34.27
Police Sergeant I (Assigned to two-wheel motorcycle)	\$40.65
Police Lieutenant I (Assigned to two-wheel motorcycle)	\$47.81

### The Italian American Police Officers Association

The Italian American Police Officers Association will have its next meeting on October 20, 1999, at Palermo's Restaurant on 1858 North Vermont Avenue, near the intersection of Franklin and Vermont. The meeting is open to all those who like good food, good friends and good times. This is strictly a social organization with no political agendas or political affiliations. The meeting starts at 1700 hours and will last through Dinner.

#### For further Information contact:

Fred Tredy - Hollywood at 485-4301;  
Joe Oliveri - Northeast at 485-2563;  
or Tony Lomedico - Rampart at 485-4061.



## Police Officers at Three Times the Normal Risk of Death

Police officers are nearly three times as likely to die on the job as the average American worker a study issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reports. From 1992 to 1997, police officers died at a rate of 14.2 per 100,000 employed. This compares to 4.7 per 100,000 employed for all workers. The fire fighter death rate also exceeded that of police officers during the same period. Fire fighters average 16.5 deaths per 100,000 employed.

The highest occupational death rates are found among timber cutters, fishermen, seamen, and aircraft pilots. Unlike police officers and fire fighters, however, these occupations are not broadly dispersed throughout society.

BLS researchers found, not surprisingly, that assaults and violent acts were the fatal factor in 51 percent of the deaths but transportation incidents such as highway crashes or being struck by

a vehicle accounted for 43 percent of all police officer fatalities. "Quick response often requires traveling at high rates of speed in police cruisers to get to the scene of the crime or emergency. Over half of the highway incidents involved collisions between two vehicles, mostly moving in opposite directions or through intersections. One-third of the highway incidents involved vehicles that ran off the road or overturned without colliding with another vehicle," the report notes.

The report entitled "Fatalities to Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters, 1992-97" is published in the Summer 1999 issue of the BLS magazine *Compensation and Working Conditions*. The publication is also available on the Internet at [www.bls.gov/pub/cwc/cwchome.htm](http://www.bls.gov/pub/cwc/cwchome.htm).

Reprinted from *Police Labor Monthly*, August 1999.

## Officers Need Donor Help

To the men and women of The Los Angeles Police Department. Active Duty Personnel Retirees.

I am making this request, on behalf of "one of your own." Det. Guy Reneau, Homicide Division, Anaheim Police Department. His late mother and my mother were the best of friends, knowing Guy from the beginning. They are still close, with Guy in essence a second son. I value him and his integrity with the greatest respect. Also in need is Anaheim Police Detective Judi Harmon, who is also fighting leukemia, and two children of other Anaheim police officers who are battling cancer. I do not know Det. Harmon. This is, however, a request for blood samples from which analysis would determine to find if bone marrow would match up for both. Guy's wife, Kim, is a patrol officer with Anaheim P.D. She is facing back surgery. They have one young son.

Through your *Blue Line* newspaper, I am attempting a "clarion call," respectfully to all of the men and women in blue, active and inactive to please volunteer and give a blood sample. This can be done through your local Red Cross, National Bone Marrow Registry; City of Hope in Duarte, (626) 359-8111, ext. 8386; Anaheim Police Dept., Marilyn Whittingham, (714) 765-1530; Anaheim P.D., (714) 765-1900. On the 6:00 "news" when the tragedy of one of your own is killed, always we see images of rank and file from all over the state converge. Let's see if we can get some of the same for them in terms of donors.

Thank you for any assistance that may be forthcoming from this effort. My special thanks to your Protective League for allowing me this forum.

With appreciation and respect,  
Ed Konjar - A Friend

## Mystery Cop Photo



"Life After LAPD." Three retired officers are now working for a Northwest state as Marine Deputies, patrolling the lakes and rivers for boater safety.

Name the officers. First caller correctly identifying the three officers wins a League logo package.

## Desert Refuge For Peace Officers

by Chaplain Michael McCullough

A house of prayer and spirituality was a goal I set in 1986. We now have a cabin on five acres in Joshua Tree, Calif., about 30 miles northeast of Palm Springs. Over the past five years, numerous officers and family members have come to the Desert Refuge to help me raise chain link fence, re-roof the cabin, lay PVC and plant nearly 30 trees. It has also served spiritual needs for many officers.

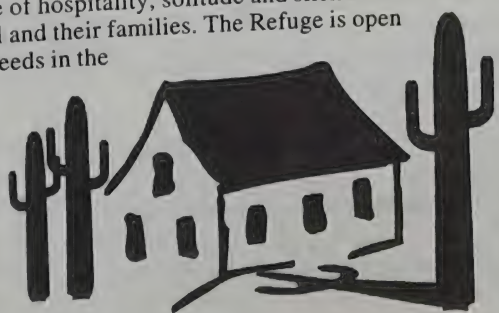
The Desert Refuge for Peace Officers will very shortly be incorporated as a non-profit organization. Our lawyer has drafted the Articles of Incorporation and is now in the process of filing them with the state of California.

### Mission Statement

The Desert Refuge for Peace Officers is a place to foster and facilitate personal and other-centered spiritual growth rooted in God's love for all. The Refuge is to be a place of hospitality, solitude and silence for law enforcement personnel and their families. The Refuge is open to all races, cultures and creeds in the Ecumenical approach of the Catholic Church.

Inquiries about the Desert Refuge may be directed to me at (323) 298-7174.

Sincerely yours,  
Chaplain Michael  
McCullough



## Police Officer John L. Casey Stricken with Leukemia Needs Bone Marrow Transplant

Orangetown, NY. -- P.O. John L. Casey was diagnosed with Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia (CML) in February of 1999. This is a cancer that affects the white blood cells and the bone marrow in your body, weakening your immune system. He has been treated with a type of chemotherapy and medication since his diagnosis. The only true cure is a bone marrow transplant. John had his entire family tested as potential donors, but no one was a match. This means John must now search for an unrelated donor through the National Bone Marrow Donor Program. On a recommendation of his doctor and after visiting several transplant centers, John is going to have the procedure done in the Fred Hutch Cancer Research Center in Seattle, Washington, the number one transplant center in the world for unrelated donor transplants.

The procedure will involve getting an unrelated donor for the bone marrow. The search for this donor is now underway. John's procedure, hospital stay, doctors costs and donors expenses are expected to be in excess of \$350,000.00. After many hours on the phone with the insurance carrier, he has learned the insurance carrier will not pay for the majority of these expenses. That means most of the expenses must be paid for by John and his family. John must also set up a residence in Seattle

for 4-6 months incurring an additional expense, while maintaining his home and expenses here.

John is married with 3 young children. He has been a police officer for 18 years, serving with the Village of Nyack and currently with the Town of Orangetown. He was President of the Nyack P.B.A., Past President of the Rockland County P.B.A. 1994-1997. His father John is retired from NYPD, 42Pct. His brother Tom is a Lt. in Bronx Narcotics. His Uncle Tom Casey is retired from Port Authority P.D. Newark Airport. His cousin, Jim Casey, is a P.O. with Weehawken N.J.P.D. He also has many cousins in the NYPD.

A non-profit corporation has been established to help raise the funds needed to save John's life. Contributions may be made out to "The Friends of John Casey," and sent to the following address:

**The Friends of John Casey**  
500 Bradley Hill Road  
Blauvelt, New York 10913.

For more information about John's condition or to inquire about donating, call one of the following committee members:

- Joe Clark, 1<sup>st</sup> V.P.R.C.P.B.A. at 914-727-3960
- Brent Newbury, Orangetown P.B.A. President at 914-359-3700
- Lt. Tom Casey, NYPD Bronx Narcotics at 718-543-6854

## CHP Officer Noreen Vargas Memorial Ride

### October 10

Registration starts at 10:00am at Chevy's Fresh Mex Restaurant in the West Covina Fashion Plaza (10 Frwy. at Vincent Ave. off).

There is the ride to Tom's Farm, live band, bike contests and food.

More For Your Information on next page



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Bup Bup... Bup Bup... Bup Bup One Perspective

by Officer Binnie M. Phan

"Clear," I said.

"Clear in this room also," Jonini replied.

Then we both aimed towards the back door, not knowing the exterior layout of the location. The children in the living room watched us, bewildered but yet questioning. The caretakers continued to teach the class to lure the children away from watching us.

"Okay, kids. Who wants to play clay?" asked one of the caretakers.

From my peripheral vision, I could see the kids raising their hands excitedly, wanting and longing to touch the clay. As I walked past the living room, I could smell the fear and shock the caretakers all wore on their faces. It was so intense and overpowering that a bloodhound could smell through their frightened faces. (bup bup bup . . . bup bup bup)

The windows were all shut and locked, covered by the closed blinds. All the doors in the room were locked, especially the back door. The children continued to play, totally oblivious to the surroundings. One little girl started to cry, sensing fear and confusion.

"One, two, THREE!" I counted as I pulled the back door open. (bup bup bup bup bup bup bup) Jonini walked out first with the shotgun in his hands, readying for target. I walked immediately right behind him covering his right side. We both saw a red barn ahead of us which had not been cleared yet. I think for about ten seconds, my soul completely frozen, I felt like a cat running across the street trying to beat the speedy car racing down the street at 60 mph. Then all of a sudden I hear the screechy brakes. I turn and look, giving the driver the "wish of death" eye contact. The world suddenly stops, and everything seems to be in slow motion. It's the same "wish of death" feeling I felt when I walked around the corner, expecting to be confronted by the gunman. (bupbupbupbupbupbupbupbup) Luckily, there was neither a gunman nor a dead body. Then my partner came to our assistance and helped us search the rest of the barn. "Huuuuh," I sighed. (bup bup . . . bup bup)

"Gosh, I can't finish this. I just don't feel all that hungry this morning," I said to my partner, Herrera, as I continued to stuff my mouth with egg-a-la-bagel. Herrera just sat there and ate his bagel with the newspaper laying on the table at Western Bagel. Today was my first time working with Herrera on a foot-beat detail. (bup bup . . . bup bup)

"17A45 handle the shots fired at 16600 Rinaldi, man with a shotgun at the Jewish Community Center," said the RTO. "17A45, respond C-3. Multiple victims down," continued the RTO.

"Hey, that's just right around the corner," said Herrera.

"Let's go!" shouted. "17FB96, show us backing 45." I yelled to the RTO, as we both raced to the car, not allowing our stomachs to digest the food. (bup bup bup . . . bup bup bup)

The RTO then continued, "17A45, unknown suspect armed with possibly an Uzi. Numerous victims down."

Short pause. "17A45, suspect is a male Asian, NFD, possibly still inside location," described the RTO. "17FB96, C-6 Rinaldi," I reported. (bup bup bup . . . bup bup bup)

Herrera parked the car just east of the wall which divided the Jewish Community Center from the building to its east.

We both walked quickly across the parking spaces to the main building, where I saw Sgt. Surette's vehicle parked just south of the driveway to the main building.

"Oh my god, oh my god!" cried a woman, as she ran hastily towards me. Another woman followed right behind her along with several young counselors.

"Ma'am, where is the gunman, and what did he look like?" I asked calmly.

"I don't know, but . . . but . . . but I saw him walking up to the second building," she replied panicking.

"Ma'am, calm down. I want everybody to get behind this wall, NOW!" I shouted over the hysteria.

"Now, I want you to calm down and do what I tell you!" I commanded.

Then about two more people came racing down the hill, all hysterical and frightened to death.

"Officer, somebody's been shot up in the second building," a young counselor reported shakily.

"Okay, I want YOU to take everyone across the street and find a safe place. Make sure everyone stays together. Go, NOW!" I hollered.

With just little information on the suspect, I was caught in confusion myself. I didn't know how many suspects we had or who we were searching for. But I certainly knew that we were looking for a male suspect with a high-powered weapon. So they all ran across the street, where I felt at that moment was a safer place to stay than the crime scene. More officers arrived at the southeast area of the main building, where I was. Then I saw my partner evacuating people across the street. Then we stayed behind the southeast wall of the main building for coverage, just right below the second building, or the red building. Sgts. Savala and Antenucci came and gave directions. I told Sgt. Savala that a victim was shot up in the second building. So we needed to make entry immediately. We had to wait for the other units to clear the main building because we had to pass by the main building in order to advance our way up to the red building. Once that was completed, about eight officers including the two sergeants started to form an entry team. Still, at this time, we had no clear information on the suspect. There were two descriptions, with one white male and the other male Asian. We could be looking for one gunman or multiple shooters. So we advanced up the hill and redeployed ourselves. Four officers including myself moved forward across the northeast side of the chain-linked fence tactfully, using the vehicles that were parked in the area as shields. The air unit had already cleared the playground area where we were lined up along the fence. It's been about 15-20 minutes since my partner and I first arrived at this scene.

As the four of us lined up behind each other, with my partner right behind me and the shotgun officers in front of me, I was getting very impatient of waiting. I motioned to my sergeant across the way that perhaps we could climb over the fence and get a better view of the location. At the same time, I was annoyed by the media helicopters, hovering around and causing such loud commotion that I couldn't hear anything from the radio. Then Sgt. Savala finally signaled us to enter. By now, our adrenaline rush was extremely high. There was no space for fear. It was too late to back out (bupbupbupbupbup) Jonini entered first with the shotgun. I trailed behind him followed by Herrera

## COMMENDABLE COPPER CAPERS

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a Police Officer with this Department and have been for several years. I have met a lot of "hard-charging" good officers who come to work and do what they got to do every day. I have worked with them and respect them for all the knowledge they give me as a young officer. They don't ask for commendations or "pats on the back," but I believe some incidents should be recognized by the Department. This incident I believe ranks among those "Commendable Copper Capers."

There was a call of a "Suicide Attempt" of a young woman threatening to jump off a cliff at Pt. Fermin Park. Officers responded and checked all over the area for the young lady. Officers **Victor Pappas, Patrick Kalscheuer, James Shray** and **Jason Pedro** discovered her at a cliff at Pt. Fermin Park. Without hesitation, Officer Kalscheuer immediately started contacting the necessary resources while Officer Pappas, Shray and Pedro approached the teenage girl, attempting to talk with her. Officers Shray and Pappas continued to talk with the teenage girl while Pedro formulated a last

minute plan with his partners. he was going to grab the girl. The girl moved toward the edge of the cliff as she talked with the officers. She told the officers she had nothing to live for and she was going to jump. Officer Pedro ran up behind the girl and grabbed her from the edge, risking his life to pull her from the cliff. Officers Shray and Pappas helped bring the girl from the edge of the cliff.

I asked Officer Pedro and Shray if they had received a commendation or anything from the event. But both officers stated nothing was done. I couldn't believe what I heard. These 2 officers are some of the hardest working officers in Harbor Division. They are well respected by their peers and supervisors. They told me they don't mind that nothing was done, but I believe such an incident deserves at least a commendation or some type of recognition.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, but I like to remain anonymous because I don't deserve the praise as much as these officers do.

A Fellow Brother Officer

and a female officer, Saindon, along with Sgt. Antenucci. I pulled the black gate open that led us to a hilltop stairway and right to the front door. We all stood behind the wall adjacent to the front door. Then a woman opened the door, and we reacted by entering. Jonini led the way. When I walked right behind him, I saw a young boy lying on the floor with two bright red spots near the leg area and close to the lower abdomen. There were two white sheets that covered the bleeding spots. The young boy looked right into my eyes, wondering what was happening. He wasn't scared or terrified, nor was he crying. He just laid there and watched us in full shock. For a second, I looked back at him to reassure him that everything will be all right. He somehow knew that something bad had occurred. He had every piece of the puzzle, but didn't know how to fit them together.

After our eye contact, Jonini and I searched the two small rooms in the back. Then we passed by the children and the caretakers in the living room down the hallway leading to the rear door. Then we checked outside and cleared the playground area.

When I returned back to the red building where the children were, the paramedics already tended the little boy. Herrera questioned the witnesses for further description of the suspect. My partner and I asked her several times for confirmation of the gunman's description and ethnicity. Because during this whole time, officers did not know if the gunman was white or Asian. So, I asked her meticulously, "Ma'am, I'm gonna ask you again. Are you sure that the shooter was not Asian?"

She replied positively, "Yes, officer, I'm very sure that he is not Asian. He's a white male with almost a bald head."

Herrera broadcasted the description of the suspect on the radio from the other units who were at the scene. The rescue ambulance took the little boy and airlifted him to the hospital along with the main caretaker. Then my partner and I continued to question other

witnesses for more information on the shooter. Then we finally found a place to safely place the children under our custody and away from the crime scene. Then I walked over to the classroom area and told the children that we were going on a field trip. The children all cheered and got excited because they knew that police officers were going with them.

"Okay, kids, I want all of you to hold each other's hands like this and follow the police officers out the door, okay?" I said, and demonstrated.

"I want one single line. And the teachers can join us too," I repeated.

The caretakers were hurrying the kids to hold hands and to form a line. I saw the tiredness in their exhausted faces and emotions, both overly overwhelmed. Then we marched the children down the hill and across the street. At the bottom of the hill, one parent, who was dressed in a black outfit, saw her child and rushed over to us. She grabbed her child and cried continuously. She almost fell to her knees because she was so emotionally relieved that her child was safe and was not one of the wounded victims. I pulled her along with her child with us and walked them to a nearby residential house. Then the officers found a better location that was right across the street in a church. We escorted the children to the church, where the pastor served the children apple juice. The firefighters brought out animal crackers and distributed them to the kids. We asked each child for his or her name and gave the name list for the officers waiting impatiently outside who were with the frantic parents. The pastor also brought out a box, full of toys which suddenly caught ALL of the children's attention away from the hunger, fatigue, and the long wait each endured. I stood there and watched the kids play inside the church innocently, while the gunman

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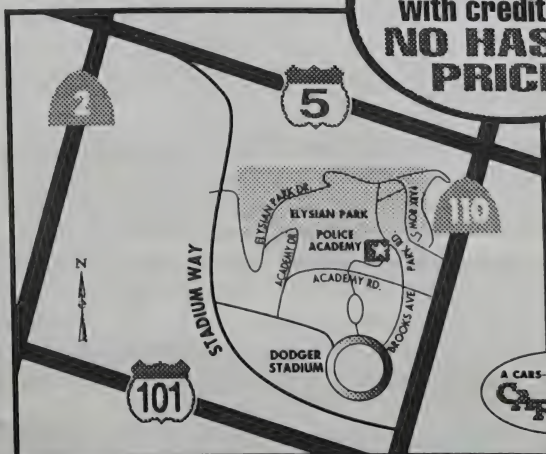
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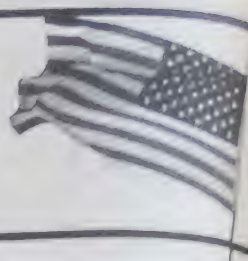
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# VETERAN'S CORNER



Veteran's Corner is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

**American Legion News**  
**Commander Martin Chalupa, 381**  
 Meeting: 3rd Tuesday,  
 6:30pm - Panorama City  
 Post #817  
 13553 Reedley Avenue  
 Panorama City, CA 91402  
 (818) 781-2261  
 Adjutant Frank Ortiz  
 160 N. Glendora Avenue  
 Covina, CA 91724  
 Hm: (626) 331-4271

## August Meeting

On July 17, 1999, the Los Angeles Police Post #381 had their monthly meeting at the Panorama City Post. This was the annual "Law and Order" meeting.

## Welcome Recruit Classes #8A-99 and 8B-99

On August 2, 1999, and August 30, 1999, Marty Chalupa and J. J. Leonard welcomed the new police recruit classes. There were 19 with military service. They all joined Police Post

#381. Congratulations and welcome to all the new members. Class 8A-99: **Tricia Criswell** (USAF), **Marc Gonzales** (USA), **Carlos Martin** (Nat Guard), **Edward Ormes** (USA), **Rene Santos** (USMC), **Bryce Verna** (USAF). Class 8B-99: **Rennick Brown** (USA), **Stephen Carr** (USA), **Charles Chacon** (USA), **Christopher Chavez** (USMC), **Jon Daymen** (USN), **Peter Der** (USN), **David Dickerson** (USMC), **Kenneth Drucker** (USAF), **Jesse Lopez** (USMC), **Jesse Murphy** (USMC), **Mario Ramirez, Jr.** (USA), **Richard Ramos** (USMC), **Roberto Rodriguez** (USA).

## 1999 National Convention

The national convention was held this year in Anaheim, over Labor Day weekend. Representatives from every state in the union were in attendance. It was very impressive to see all of the state flags and post banners displayed in the massive Convention Center. The required business activities were completed. Many Legionnaires took advantage of the convention to say "hello" to friends that they only see once a year.

## The Parade

Quote: "The Parade is really something that brings out families and the community together. Children, mothers, fathers, the police, firemen are all

out for this. You can really see the importance of having the parade," National Chaplain Henry Eisenhart.

Minnesota Legionnaires decided to start the parade early Sunday. The band from 9th District, in Northwest Minnesota played an impromptu concert in the lobby of the Hilton, before heading over to the assembly area. They kept the guests clapping and toe-tapping with a Dixieland jazz rendition of "This Land is Your Land." The group was formed in 1929 by 89-year-old Herschel Lysaker, who hasn't missed a single convention since. The 55 band members have moved to all parts of the United States, yet they come together every year for Convention. My home state is Minnesota, and I can still speak the language (don'cha know).

The parade was led by the Los Angeles Motorcycle Drill Team. If you have never seen this group, do yourself a favor and catch them in their next performance. Their precision is just amazing. There were 103 units in the parade, including the U.S. Army 40th Infantry Division Marching Band, five Legion bands, and five high school bands. There was a replica of a battleship, made of Legos (is that what they mean by downsizing the military?). Every state in the country was represented, including Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines. The state that had the largest representation was Ohio. Texas had the most cowboy hats (of course), Wyoming had the second most. Colorado had the most cowboy

boots (go figure). The state with most flags was Wisconsin. They carried over 60 full-size flags. What an impressive sight it was. The Oklahoma contingent wore Native American headgear while Iowa waltzed by carrying corn stalks. As in most cases the volunteers go unnamed, however, they did a tremendous job of putting together this three-hour event. We are now looking forward to the next national convention, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in August, 2000.

## Can't Find Military Reunions?

There is a group called "National VETS Archives." This is a private veterans program that provides veterans and their families with information about outfit reunions. VETS maintains records of over 12,000 groups that are planning reunions, or have a designated contact person for information about that outfit. The service is free and can be found at [www.vets.org/](http://www.vets.org/).

## Upcoming Meeting

The next monthly meeting will be on October 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Panorama Post #817, located at 13553 Reedley Street, Panorama City. For information on the meeting, please call Adjutant Frank Ortiz at (626) 331-4271.

## Notifications

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## One Perspective

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continued to terrorize the outside world. I looked into their sweet, little, fragile faces. Some had clear blue eyes, curly hair, white soft skin, and lots of smiles and energy. Others had light brown eyes, dark black hair, and full of curiosity. Then there were a mixture of both, also with lots of giggles and spunk. I continued to watch them and wondered unacceptingly to myself how anyone could possibly consider the thought of harming these faces. These are the same faces that bring us love and joy.

The parents of the children finally arrived at the church, where they were reunited with their children. The long waiting period sparked a rush of joy and relief when the parents ultimately hugged their children with tears rolling down their cheeks. I, too, caught myself almost tearing because the atmosphere was so intense and wrapped with high emotions. Then I realized that I didn't want to become part of the problem, but just to serve as a solution. Det. Packard advised the parents that police escorts will be provided for them as they leave the church area. So one by one, they left. Then I was told that a second group of older students were in the process of being transported to the church along with LAPD officers. These students were not at the community center when the shooting occurred. They were on a field trip coming back from the Museum of Tolerance. A third group of students, also part of the community center, was also considered to be trans-

ported back to the church from Northridge Park. The second group of students actually arrived at the church, where they too reunited with the parents. The third group was kept in a secured and protected environment at the park by the LAPD officers. So, it was safer for the parents to pick them up there. I stayed in the church and watched all of the parents and children leave the location safely. Then I found myself suddenly staring up at the cross in this empty church, and I said, "I think I've done my deed for today."

I went home that night having a difficult time to fall asleep. That same adrenaline rush never stopped until the following night. I couldn't sleep. I was physically exhausted, but my mind remained at the crime scene. I did find some time to unwind and thought about the whole incident philosophically. I've learned that when a tragedy strikes, it takes a whole community to fight it. This tragedy surely brought the valley community together as a team, not just individuals. I was touched by the parents who thanked us and made us feel a part of their family. I especially like to thank them and the caretakers who worked patiently with us on that day. I was impressed by the manner we, LAPD, handled ourselves in making smart, yet quick decisions and sacrificing our courage in a life and death situation. I will modestly admit that I am proud to be part of this family. Like a little girl who quoted Dorothy's ending words in "The Wizard of Oz," and she whispered quietly to my ears, "There's no place like home."



# DIVISIONAL REPORTER

The Divisional Reporter is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Divisional Reporters may submit one report per Division for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

## VANNUYS Happenings

by Bob Rose  
Van Nuys Division

After a wonderful and relaxing vacation in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, I returned to work to find no one submitted anything for publication in the *Blue Line*, and, of course, I was not here to see if anything newsworthy was happening. I did notice that Lt. **Anita McKeown** was on loan to ATD for a couple of months. I soon learned that Sgt. 2 **Robert Hundertmark** now has a free rein to implement his rein of terror on Day Watch to whip us all into a finely-tuned machine. He did state that he was planning on leaving the department next July to teach school in Australia. Just think, a group of fun-loving young Aussies are enjoying life not knowing what is in store.

Just a quick note to two of my old partners from my Foothill Patrol days. Ha, ha, to both of you. I made it. Thirty years. Just wanted you guys to know that. **Norm Hunt**, whatever shade tree you are sitting under and whatever animal you're taking down to skin, good luck. And **Rigo Gutierrez**, whatever rodeo event is before you, I hope life has been as good to you as it has been to me. Would not trade any of it. Of course, I cannot be too puffed up. Two of the guys who broke me in are still on the job, and both of them right here in Van Nuys. **Volker Wendlenner** is still working down the hall, going out every day to train those Valley Traffic types. Then upstairs sits **Dan Moran**. I cannot believe this guy, still out tracking down bad guys and putting them away, only now as a Detective. I will be joining three other Van Nuys Patrol types in the thirty year club. Leading the parade is **Dick Powers**, the Senior Lead **Ron Carpenter**, and **Tom Bibbs**. Right behind us is **Jim Rigney** and **Jim Conrad**. Close, but not there yet. One sergeant is in this group, but I won't mention **Paul Anderson**. **Joe Aparicio** was going to write something about the detectives with over thirty, but as usual, it's time to write this all up and Joe is in court, Joe is in a meeting, Joe cannot be found. What else do you expect of old timer.

**Jerry Beck** has been up in Van Nuys Detectives for quite a spell. **Harry Hollywood** has been working Detectives for ages. **Steve Fisk**, a really old timer, is still running our Homicide Unit. **Richard Richter**, I saw him the other day. Must be holding down a caseload somewhere. **John Edwards** is getting very, very close with **Greg Demirjian** and **Philip Morritt** a couple of years away. If there be more, they are not on the Van Nuys roster, and I should be held accountable for them, or my glasses got fogged up and I missed them.

Van Nuys did have its annual picnic and everyone got lots of sun, food and fun. It was one of those beach parties.

I should mention a personal thing: my mother-in-law, **Velma Sitler**, passed away after a lengthy illness. Her suffering is now over and she must be in a better place. This follows the passing of her husband, **Vince**, just one month prior. Just a note in Van Nuys, I did not mention how much I appreciated the flowers, cards, and support during this trying time. I was really impressed by the genuine concern by all.

Some shuffling around occurred. As I already mentioned, Lt. **McKeon** will be on loan for at least a couple of months. I know these things sometimes extend the assigned time. Good luck, Anita. You are one of the best. Lt. **Al Dravidzius** has returned to Patrol, changing places with **Steve Knieriem**, who goes to the Admin Unit. Lt. **Bill Guerrero** just gets to stay put on PMS. **Heather Gahry** also went to the Admin Unit, but was to protect a very special package she is carrying. Due in January. Congrats to Heather and Tom. Hope all goes well.

I did miss one good caper last issue. **Paul Prevost** and **Tarek Ismail** were on patrol in Woodley Park and observed a Ford van for expired tabs. The driver also had an expired OP license. While filling out forms and tickets the van suddenly started to roll away as one of the driver's children inside the van was playing with the gear shift selector. Officer **Ismail** quickly went in foot pursuit of the runaway van. The van failed to respond to verbal commands, Officer **Ismail** caught up with the van, rescued the child, then managed to depress the emergency brake. All parties were saved. Good job. But, of course, he still cited the driver and impounded the van. Got to keep up that recap. Don't want to be a drone or a slug.

Well, that's all for this issue. Maybe next month I will be in "the know" or then again I may remain in a fog that I have been in for thirty years. Or I could be gone... Naw, having too much fun.

## RHD Divisional Dragnet

by Det. Tom Wich  
Robbery Homicide Division

### Commendable Incidents

What a month for RHD! The whole division was called into action when an armed suspect decided he wanted to make a statement by shooting innocent children at a Jewish day care facility in Devonshire Division. The first responding units from Devonshire did a heroic job securing the location and rescuing the victims. They then held the scene until other entities (SWAT, RHD, SID, etc.) responded. RHD initiated our Major Case Management System for the first time. A few weeks prior to this incident RHD began preparing for a major incident that we thought might occur during the upcoming New Year celebration. The entire unit worked as a team and with the cooperation and assistance of outside local and federal agencies this menace to society was captured in Las Vegas within 20 hours of the crime.

Our next adventure included our friends from SIS. My partner, **Jack Giroud** (yes, he has 44 years on the job), and I have been investigating a string of armed takeover robberies involving travel agencies. During our investigation we requested the assistance of SIS. During their part of the investigation they came in contact with four suspects who had committed an armed robbery of a travel agency. As they attempted to take the suspects into custody an OIS occurred. As a result, two suspects were

arrested and two other suspects will no longer be terrorizing the citizens of this city.

We would like to thank all of the officers from throughout the valley area for their assistance with these investigations. Both of these incidents were "big" news items. People throughout the world again observed how professional and brave our officers are.

### New to the Division

We would like to welcome to our division Senior Management Analyst **Teri Dixon**. She is on a long-term loan from OCB. I asked, but no one knows the definition of long term! A belated welcome to PSR **Emily Newell** assigned to Rape Specials as the Crime Analyst. She has been with the department 30 years and with us at RHD for over one year. I was informed, with a slap on the back of my square head, that I have never mentioned her. Sorry. (I have only been writing this article for a year.)

### Here Comes the Bride

Congratulations to Clerk Typist **Donna Corrales** who is assigned to the robbery section. She tied the knot on September 4th in Los Angeles. Good luck.

### Retirement Corner

Here we go again. D-III **Ted Ball**, Homicide Specials, has decided to hang 'em up after 27 years of loyal dedicated work. It happened so fast that I was not able to put it in last month's article. His retirement party was held September 29th at the academy.

### RHD News

Well, it looks like we are going to have citywide Detective X-mas party after all. Det. **John Garcia** is hunting down a location. I'll have further info for the next article. Until next time, BE SAFE.

## More Divisional Reporter on next page

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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Julian Almaraz  
Foothill Division

Well I am sorry about last month's article. I was on a needed vacation.

### Foothill Patrol

Senior Lead Officer **Scott Kennedy**, #26227, and his partner, Officer **Anna Garza**, #31810, working 16A7 day watch patrol, received information that a robbery suspect's name was Daniel Chavez. The suspect, who is a known gang member, was responsible for numerous robberies of the high school students. The suspect would simulate a handgun, kidnap and rob the high school students of their personal property.

Officers observed the suspect's car parked at 1941 7th Street in the city of San Fernando. Officers conducted a Code 5 in the area to monitor the activity of the suspect. When the car left the location, the officers followed and conducted a traffic stop. The suspect was not in the car and the officers responded back to 1941 7th Street. SLO Kennedy knocked on the door of the suspect's house and used a ruse to get the suspect outside of the house. When the suspect exited the house, the officers arrested him without incident.

The officers are to be commended for their attention to duty, keen observation skills and working relationship with area detectives in obtaining information on violent gang members. This arrest will clear numerous robberies and remove a predator off the streets for a very long time.

### Foothill Detectives

This month's article is about Captain **I Kenneth Garner**, #21899, was promoted to a well-earned Captain II position to South Traffic. All of us here at Foothill will miss his kindness, caring, and friendship to all of his subordinates in his command. We also enjoyed his great leadership skills and motivation of all officers to study to promote.

Captain Garner also promoted physical fitness, teamwork, and healthy living. On occasions he would run with the Code 7 running group from area detectives. Captain Garner also organized the Foothill bench press team, which we placed in 2nd place behind 77th Division. He was also involved in all of

the division's fund-raisers by cooking for the officers at the station, open house and family picnic. Captain Garner is also a great father, with his beautiful daughter. He is always with her on his days off and spending valuable time with her. When you see them together you could see the mutual love between both of them.

One of the greatest quotes I have heard from a 25-year-plus senior detective stated to several roll calls said "This is one of the best captains I ever worked for and all of us will truly miss his leadership, both in patrol and detectives. We are blessed."

### Sports

We had several officers involved in the California Police Summer Games: Sgt. **I Erick Jones**, who was involved in both small and large bore rifle event, **Laura Jackman**, **Jorge Morales** were both involved in soccer, **Sharon Biggs** played tennis and basketball, **Kelly Kocun** was in all the swimming events. I was involved in the bench press, equestrian and played softball. Softball players were **Robert Collier**, **Darrell Davis**, **Paula Davidson**, **Diane Escalante**, **Hector Guzman**, **Anna Hartwell**, **John Izzo**, **Michelle Rodriguez**, and **Olando Rodriguez, Jr.**, Sgt. **Phillip Smith**, **Brian Strothers**, **Marti Whittemore**.

The majority of these athletes were involved in the Nevada Police Summer Games in Las Vegas.

### Ins and Outs

We have several great officers and a sergeant we are losing: Det. **II Brophy** to Sgt. **I**, NE Division; Sgt. **II Lawrence** to TBD; Officer **McConnell** to VTD; Officer **Biggs** to VTD; and Officer **Fields** to VTD Motors. We will miss you and take care.

We're gaining Capt. **I Singh** from IAG, Det. **Knolls** from SB-Hom, and P-I **Bunker**. We welcome all of you to a great division.

### Foothill Picnic

Thanks to all involved. We had a great picnic. We fed over 400 officers and their families at Castaic Lake, which was secured by Sgt. **Steve Sambar**. Officer **Forman** organized all concessions and the menu. Officers **Erick Yepes**, **Teresa Wilson**, **Michelle** and **Rolando Rodriguez**, **Mario Barillas**, **David Swanson**, Sgt. **Ellias**, and myself helped with the cooking. Officer **Jacqueline Landtser** was the activity director for all the children events and gave out prizes to all the kids involved. Sgt. **Gordon Wade** and his brothers band provided all the entertainment for the picnic. In addition, Officer **John McAdam** entertained the families with songs and impersonations of Elvis.



by Tom Fox  
Central Traffic Division

Congratulations to Sgt. **I+2 Bruce Wallace**, 30 years of dedicated service to the LAPD. Looking forward to the next 2 years.

### Retiring

Rich Madison #17136 2+2, Rich is retiring after 28 years of dedicated service to the LAPD.

Rich joined the Department in August of 1971, from the Academy he went to 77th Division, then to STD, Central, Northeast and CTD. Have a good retirement Rich, we'll miss you.

Sgt. **I+2 Tom Hatter** is retiring after 28 years of service to LAPD. Retire-

ment party will be held on October 13 at the Academy.

Sgt. **I+2 Rich Greenwood** is giving up his motor for a Sgt. 2 spot at CTD.

Tom Fox was promoted to P-3 and will fill the P-3 spot left by Angel Bonilla.

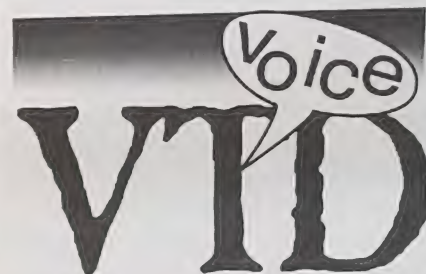
### The Ins and Outs of CTD

Leaving CTD on the Next Transfer Angel Bonilla left CTD, transferring to Hollenbeck for an FTO spot.

In Coming: Sgt. **Art Jones** joins the ranks at CTD, welcome aboard.

### Cops for Tots Car Show

CTD held the 4th Annual Cops for Tots Car Show. Again it was a huge success raising over \$20,000 for the Bone Marrow Unit at Children's Hospital. There were approximately 450 cars entered. A lot of money and time was spent on the cars that were entered. Looking forward to next year. (See photo coverage in this issue's center spread.)



by D. A. McCallum  
Valley Traffic Division

### Valley Traffic Division 20 Year Reunion and Annual Picnic

VTD's annual picnic is approaching soon and this time will be combined with a 20-year reunion since its inception in 1979. The picnic/reunion is scheduled for Saturday, September 18, between 11:00 to 6:00 at the Rancho San Antonio Boys Town located at 21000 Plummer Street in Chatsworth. Adults - \$6.00, children (4-12) - \$3.00, and 3 years and under are free. Contact **Kelly** for additional information at 818/756-8514. Get your tickets soon and your defense rep's standing by!

### New Arrival

Congratulations to Officer **Watson**, #33294, for a "bouncing baby girl."



Natalie Laine Watson, DOB: 4/14/99; 6 lbs. 12 oz.; 19" long; Mom: Lisa.

Natalie Laine Watson, born April 14, 1999. Natalie weighed in at a whopping 6 pounds, 12 ounces, 19 inches long, and was born at Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital in Valencia. Also, congratulations to Officer **Fuller**, #34077, for a new baby boy. Devon James Fuller weighed in at 7 pounds, 8 ounces, and 20 inches long at Mercy Southwest Hospital in Bakersfield, born August 29, 1999.

### New Peeps

Welcome to the following personnel new at VTD: Sgt. **Wheeling**, #27654 (from West L.A.), Sgt. **Houze**, #24531 (from Van Nuys Jail), Officer **McConnell**, #30596 (from Foothill), Officer **Boka**, #33212 (from Van Nuys), Officer **Tate**, #33700 (from West Valley), Officer **Biggs**, #33211 (from Foothill), and Officer **Turner**, #27260 (from West Valley).

### BUHHH BYYYE

We wish the following personnel transferring out of VTD the best of luck: Officer **Royce**, #32126, en route to DARE; Officer **Grenci**, #26867, on a follow-up to SID; and Officer **Rothman**, #33431, soon to be Code-6 at West Valley.

### Birthdays

Happy B-day to the following VTD personnel for another candle on the ol' cake: **Akana** (9/19), **Alfonso** (9/10), **Biggs** (9/13), **Bowen** (9/16), **Brousseau** (9/3), **Clark** (9/26), **Delatorre** (9/6), **Espino** (9/20), **Fields** (9/29), **Gambill** (9/17), **Gomez** (9/18), **Hopkins** (9/24), **Johnson** (9/3), **Landry** (9/11), **Macgregor** (9/12), **Mascola** (9/8), **Palma-Cabarrus** (9/6), **Ponce** (9/4), **Rives** (9/21), **Sandoval** (9/30), **Schram** (9/22), and **Williams** (9/10).

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# Devonshire Dateline

by Elaine Dewberry  
Devonshire Division

## North Valley Jewish Community Incident

Without saying a word, a middle-aged, balding gunman stormed the North Valley Jewish Community Center (NVJCC) on Tuesday, August 10, 1999, and sprayed approximately 70 rounds in the lobby and hallway, wounding three children and two staff members. The suspect, later identified as Buford Furrow, fled on foot to a waiting van and drove off.

The first supervisors at the scene were Sgts. **Tim Surrette**, **Jim Antenucci** and **Steve Savala**, Devonshire Area Patrol. Police Officers **Andrew**

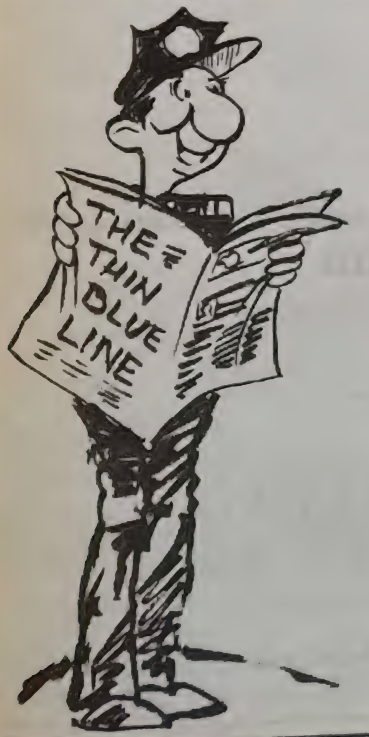


North Valley Jewish Community Center Memorial.

**Thompson**, **Misty Goodnight**, **Gabriel Colon** and **Ranon Samuels**, Devonshire Area Patrol and Officer **Robert Trulik**, Van Nuys Area Patrol, were the first officers to arrive at the location.

The supervisors and officers were met by frantic employees of the community center and were directed towards various victims of gunshot wounds. R/A units were requested, as were additional resources. Sgt. **Art Tom** took control of the perimeter establishment.

The supervisors formulated the arriving officers into teams for cover, search and rescue. Utilizing officers with shotguns as point officers, the supervisors directed the search of the two buildings that comprised the community center.



Five victims were located and removed from the location by LAFD Paramedics and Firefighters, under the cover of protecting officers. Additionally, approximately 36 children, ranging from four to seven years of age, and approximately 12 adults were safely escorted from the community center to a protected area by teams of officers.

Captain **John Egan**, Acting Area C/O, Devonshire Community Police Station, Lt. **Joe Eddy**, O.I.C. of Devonshire OSD, and Lt. **Paul Wright**, Devonshire Administrative Lieutenant, arrived at the Incident Command Post. Capt. John Egan took over as the Incident Commander.

While this was occurring on Rinaldi Street, three busloads of children from the NVJCC were away from the location. One busload of children was on a field trip to the Museum of Tolerance in West L.A., the other two buses, with 60 children on board, fled to Northridge Park. Det. III **Tom Broad**, Supervisor, Burglary Table, was the O.I.C. at Northridge Park. Det. II **Bruce Heschong** and Det. II **Bob Wantling**, along with several other detectives, took over the task of interviewing the children and staff. We wish to commend the Recreational Staff at Northridge Park for their patience and assistance in securing the children. Some of the children who were eyewitnesses to the incident were transported to Devonshire Station, where they were interviewed by Detectives **Kenneth Crocker** and **Robert Peloquin** and Det. Trainee **Claudia Martin**. A big thank you to P3+1 **Sally Barnes** for supplying the food from McDonald's for the children.

At approximately 1110 hours, a woman reported that a man carjacked her green Toyota Corolla after abandoning a red van with Washington State plates. The officers located thousands of rounds of ammunition, a flak jacket and survivalist books inside of the van. It was later determined that Buford Furrow committed this crime as he was fleeing from the NVJCC incident.

At 1153 hours, Joseph Iletto, an on-duty postal employee, was murdered in the 9900 block of Valley Circle Blvd. This incident was later attributed to Buford Furrow. Det. III **Michael Opelt**, Det. II **Malena Heissel**, Det. II **John Flemming** and Det. I **Abel Parga**, Devonshire Homicide, conducted this investigation, later taken over by RHD.

At 1623 hours, Devonshire Area Patrol Officers **Michael Judge** and **Janine Green**, were on a station call regarding a theft suspect at 21603 Devonshire Street, when they located the 1999 Toyota Corolla vehicle taken in the carjacking that occurred earlier that day.

Devonshire Area personnel are to be commended for their quick response, presence of mind, professionalism and attention to duty in dealing with this most critical incident. The entire Devonshire family would like to express its sincere appreciation to all of our sisters and brothers in "BLUE," who responded to this incident from surrounding areas. We would also like to thank the Devonshire Area Community for their continuing show of support.

## Multicultural Fiesta Luncheon

Devonshire Area Personnel recently displayed their culinary talents by preparing dishes that represented their ethnicity. This was an avenue to express how we are alike (we all enjoy good food!), and Devonshire personnel were

able to sample delicacies from around the world. This luncheon was the brainchild of Sgt. **Danny Mastro**. Thanks, Danny! This was a spectacular idea. We're all looking forward to the next



Photo by Elaine Dewberry  
Officer Jeff Branson looking over selections at International luncheon.

one. I hear that Sgt. **Steve Savala** wants a chili cookoff. No fair, Steve, you've had time to practice.

## In Sympathy

The entire Devonshire family would like to express our condolences to Sgt. II **Jim Meyer**, his wife, **Bonnie**, and their daughter, **Christina**, on the passing of their son-in-law and husband, respectively. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

## Farewell

We bid a fond farewell to Sgt. **Albert Gavin**, who leaves us for MSD, Officers **Victor Renzelman**, who



Photo by Elaine Dewberry  
Officers enjoying International lunch. (l-r) Ranon Samuels, Binnie Phan, Susan Herold and Sally Barnes.

heads out to WVAL, **David Ross** off to 77th Street, **Lea Lopez** and **Doreen Wilson** will be riding the waves at Pacific and **Marshal Webb** joins the STD team. Best of luck to you all and enjoy your new assignments.

## Welcome

We extend a warm welcome back to Sgt. **Paul Miller**, in from the Chief's office, and welcome to Officers **Julie Leszczynski** (can you say x@/o\*%\$? Easy for you to say) joining us from DHD, **Paul Waymire** in from NHWD, **Daryoush Sameyah** joining the "A Team" at the Grand Theft Table, and fresh from the Academy, **Raymond Corrales**. Welcome to each of you. All I can say is enjoy the ride! We hope your stay will be enjoyable.

## Thought for the Month!

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# DIVISIONAL REPORTER

## TRAFFIC TALK

by Eugene "The Taxman" Bedolla  
South Traffic Division

### Greetings, Amigos.

Due to technical difficulties, last month's *Blue Line* article was mysteriously not included in the September issue. The FBI is currently investigating.

### Change of the Guard

Okay, let's start at the top. A change at the top has been made at South Traffic. We wish to express our best wishes to Capt. **Reggie Maeweather** as he ventures back to Newton Division. Good luck, Capt. Maeweather. Thanks for all of your hard work at STD.

South Traffic is now privileged to receive back an alumnus, Capt. **Kenneth Garner** (formerly Lt. Garner). Welcome Capt. Garner. We know your stay here will be productive and challenging to us all.

### Strange Happenin's

Those of you who are moviegoers know that the recent trend of movies out right now have a horror or mystery theme to them. Well, South Traffic has its own unsolved mystery. The title of

our movie would be "I Know What You Did Last August 13." There would be a sequel titled, "I Still Know What You Did on August 13." The title role in both movies would be one of L.A.'s finest Motor Officers, namely **Robert "Bob" Williamson**. Picture if you will Officer Williamson arising on August 13, 1998. The daily routine goes as planned. Badge, sidearm, and motorboots are put in place. Motorcycle is started and off he rides. However, what Officer Williamson doesn't know is this is August 13. The gremlins are out and they have him in their sights. Officer Williamson is riding N/B on the 110



Sgt. Carl "Smokey Robinson" Henderson.

Fwy when without any warning a motorist collides with Officer Williamson, causing him to go down and suffer injury. This motorist, to add insult to injury, thinks he can get away, but a

quick-thinking citizen follows this individual long enough to flag down STD Sgt. **Liggett** and the citizen is taken into custody. Now, fast forward to August 13, 1999. Same routine as above for Officer Williamson. But once again Officer Williamson neglects to check his Police Protective League calendar because if he had he would have noticed the date read: August 13. Officer Williamson is N/B on Normandie Avenue in pursuit of a



STD's finest BCMC's.

greenie. However, those gremlins cause him to lose control of his motorcycle and collide with the street, suffering injury. This is a true story, believe it or not.

Let it be known that Officer Williamson forevermore will be granted a day off, T/O, assigned to the desk or sent away fishing each and every day the calendar reads August 13. P.S., at the time of this writing, Officer Williamson is back full duty.

### Baby Talk

Just a note of congratulations to Officer **Ray Banker** on the birth of his daughter and to Officer **Lloyd Johnson** on the birth of his son. All are well and those who have been there share your lack of sleep and changing of dirty diapers. But as a sign I read states, referring to parenthood, "It's the hardest job you'll ever love."

### Recent Arrivals

Welcome to Day Watch, Lt. **Gregory "American Gladiator" Montgomery**. Also, Officer **Frank Bancalari**, Officer **Walter Attlessey**, Officer **Wendy Tanaka**, Officer

**Marshall Webb**, Officer **Carton Zelars**, and Officer **Connie White**

### Summer Picnic

STD had a very successful summer picnic at the Harbor Range with a tremendous turnout. All in attendance had a super deluxe time. Many were involved in the planning of and working at the picnic but I would like to recognize Sgt. **Lanette Smith** and Officer **Ron Roberson** for their efforts. They

were even able to procure a professional entertainer. See photo on this page.

### Training Notice

I would like to say how disappointed I am with our Training Unit. They have failed, you see. There is a certain STD officer who has been waiting and waiting to attend the Post Certified Emergency Road Flare Lighting Class. Officer **Ladonna Cissell** has within a two week period scalded her flare lighting hand not once but twice. Please, **Training Unit**, show some compassion and send Officer **Cissell** to this class.

### Retirement Party

Please note the retirement of three very special LAPD officers: Sgt. **Steve Ellis**, 31 years; Officer **Mike Hillhouse**, 30 years; and Officer **Gary Robbins**, 30 years. The date is Wednesday, October 6, at the Harbor Range at 1630 hours. For info contact **Dave Lehman** at STD.

### Final Thoughts

As always, don't forget your fellow officers who are sick, ill or injured. Give them a call. Finally, Motors, keep the rubber side down and CI keep the light bar off of the pavement. ♦

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# WEST WINGS & ARROWS

by Jorge F. Torres  
West Traffic Division

## Officer of the Quarter

We'd like to congratulate Officer **Virgil Castor** for being chosen the Officer of the Quarter for the second quarter of 1999. (I told you I was catching up. I'll be announcing the third quarter officer quicker than you can say "Mobile Field Force!") He has distinguished himself by his quality of service, productivity, and his dedication to duty. Furthermore, his



Proud father, Officer Leonard Johnson.

supervisors have noted the personal character demonstrated by Virgil and the peer leadership he provides on a daily basis. He is always in his spit-shined shoes and ready to respond to any emergency. Congratulations to a well-deserved officer!

## Promotions! Promotions! Promotions!

There were lots of promotion opportunities last deployment period. And that meant almost everyone had their nose plunged inside his or her traffic manual. (What's the definition of a T/C again?) Congratulations to **Al Rice** for being chosen as the new Sergeant II. As a reward he was promptly assigned to morning watch! **Ken Koch** went from a P-2 motor dog to a shiny new sergeant at Central Division. (Who said the department didn't have a sense of humor.) **Sal Jaramillo** gives up his motor to become a field training officer. **Lee Wilmon** becomes the new follow-up investigator. And **Sandra Kipp** and **Ken Hobbes** are promoted to detective auditors. I know the rank and file will benefit greatly with these well deserved promotions.

## Fun at the Beach

On July 17, West Traffic, along with our sister station Wilshire Division, enjoyed a fun-packed family picnic at Zuma Beach. The Wilshire Area Boost-

ers provided the food, the weather was spectacular, and the officers provided the fun. A great day was had by all!

## Retirements

**Ken Farrell** joins **Roy Langheld** and the gang in the "Life of Leisure Club." After 30 glorious years Ken says, "No mas." We are going to miss you, Ken.

## Recoup

Early in August Motor Officer **Efren Acosta** had the misfortune of having a vehicle turn in front of him causing Efren to go down on his bike. He suffered a severely sprung right ankle and a badly shaken body. We wish Efren a speedy recovery.

## Like Father Like Daughter, Almost

They say example is the best teacher. No one epitomizes this better than our own **Leonard Johnson**. Leonard grew up in a small town in northern Florida. He excelled in both academics and basketball. When the time came, Leonard chose to become a proud LAPD officer as his life's ambition.

Leonard's daughter, **Lynetta Blackshear**, also grew up in a small town in northern Florida. She attended the



Proud daughter, Cadet Lynetta Blackshear.

same schools as her father, and she also excelled in academics and basketball. However, when the time came for her to choose her life's dream, Lynetta chose the West Point Military Academy. In her family's tradition she excelled in her academics.

Lynetta recently graduated from the Academy near the top of her class. She is currently stationed in Missouri and will soon become a brand new second lieutenant.

Congratulations to a proud father and daughter who are fine examples to all of us!

Well, it was a fun and almost safe summer. The fall should be better. Start thinking about attending our Christmas dinner. This year it's being held at the luxurious Universal Sheraton Hotel. Call or visit Efren. I'm sure he would appreciate it. As Roy used to say, "Keep the rubber side down!"

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by Caesar Gonzalez  
DARE Division

## Le Ann Rimes Concert at the L.A. Sports Arena

On October 5, 1999, DARE American will host an educational event at the

tors, police officers, and others who reach out and help children.

Her albums have sold millions and she continues to be a formidable force in the music industry influencing the youth of our country.

## In and Out

New to DARE Division are Clerk Typist **Sylvia Solis**, Senior PSR **Adriane Ables**, Lt. **Pratt**, and Officer **De La Rosa**. Welcome to all classroom management and DARE balloons.

Promoting out of DARE is **Anthony Aceves** who is moving on to be one of Southeast's newest Training Officers.

Anthony is a ten-year department veteran with a wealth of experience un-



Officer Shiree Arrant (background) poses with DARE students.

Los Angeles Sports Arena featuring country music star **Le Ann Rimes**.

Le Ann is currently touring the

der his belt. Tony is a soft spoken officer who lets his work speak for itself. He has a great work ethic and will be an



Manchester School displays their DARE pride with a school mural.

United States and performing commercial concerts in all major metropolitan cities except Los Angeles.

Due to this and her support of the DARE ideology, she will be performing a concert to honor students, educa-

asset to Southeast.

Joining Tony will be Sgt. **Piersol** who is headed for Southeast Vice.

Thanks for all your hard work and keep in touch. You will be missed at DARE Division.

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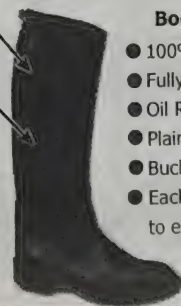
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# All R-Round Town

by Cathy Hardy  
Metropolitan Division

Greetings from the hub. Happy Autumn! Here's what's up around these parts.

## Incoming

Welcome to newcomers **Tony Trusk** (B pltn), **Gus Ramirez** and **Timothy Swift** (A pltn) and **Do Poirier** (C pltn).



SWAT Challenge: (Front l-r) R.J. Cottle, Steve Gordon, Jimmy Veenstra. (Rear l-r) Mark Richardson, Joe Witty, Troy Thomas, Lee McMillion and Lou Reyes.

## Up and Out

Congrats to **LiFernando Garcia** (B pltn). Li is making a triple chevron fashion statement to his sleeve and taking up residency at West Valley as a sergeant. Best wishes for continued success.

## Pagliotti Award

The Jim Pagliotti award was established by C-Platoon to honor Officer **James Pagliotti**. Officer Jimmy Pagliotti was killed in the line of duty on June 22, 1987. Jim's courage, professionalism and sense of humor were the personification of a Metro Man. The recipients are selected by vote amongst their peers. This year, Officers **John Robertson** and **Ed Maytorena** are honored by the men and women of C-Platoon. Congratulations, gentlemen.

## Going to the Chapel... Soon

Congratulations to **Fernando Zuniga** (C-team) and fiancée, **Ilene**. During a surprise birthday party in her honor on August 7th, Fernie FINALLY popped the question (yes complete with bended knee) and presented Ilene with a spectacular engagement ring. Best wishes for a splendid engagement and many more happy moments!

## Maternity Ward

Congrats to **Canales family**. **Chris** (B-pltn) and wife **Patricia** welcomed **Alyssa Christina** on 8/3 weighing in at 6.12 ounces and 19 inches long. Alyssa joins big brother **Steven**. The color is baby blue at the Aoki residence. Congrats to **Damon Aoki** (C-pltn) and wife **Deborah** (MSD) on the

birth of son **Conner Shigeru** on August 25th. **Conner** weighed in at an even 8 pounds and 21 inches. A new baby boy is now home at the **Holguin's** home. **Mark** and wife, **Raelynn**, welcomed baby boy #3 on July 10th, weighing in at 6 pounds and 5 ounces. **Jacob Ryan** joins big brothers, **Brian** and **Mark**. Congrats to the **Fairbanks family**. Baby 20 girl **McKenzie** is finally home. **McKenzie** departed the hospital at a healthy 5.5 pounds. She will need the assistance of oxygen for a couple of months, but otherwise she is doing just fine.

## Set the SAIC for Further...

In July, SWAT Officers **Jimmy Veenstra**, **Lou Reyes**, **Lee McMillion**, **R. J. Cottle**, **Steve Gordon**, **Troy Thomas**, **Joe Witty** and **Mark**

# Defense Rep Corner

by Paul M. Weber  
Officer Representation Section

The supervisor from IAD or your work place has contacted you regarding an incident. What triggers your rights under 3300 of the California Government Code? When and where will the interview take place? How do you get a representative?

## What Triggers Your Rights Regarding a Department Interview Under Section 3300 of the California Government Code?

3303 Government Code provides in pertinent part that any time a public safety officer is under investigation and is subject to interrogation by his Department, that could lead to punitive action, the interrogation is subject to the Public Safety Officers Procedural Bill of Rights Act (3300).

Punitive action is defined as any action that may lead to:

Dismissal, demotion, suspension, reduction in salary, written reprimand or transfer for the purpose of discipline.

The current MOU provides further clarification on this matter. The MOU provides in Article 10 the following:

"The right to representation during the investigation and adjudication of misconduct and during grievance presentations is not to be denied to any employee. Any interview of an em-

ployee in connection with an investigation that the employee reasonably believes may result in disciplinary action against the employee will entitle the employee to a representative of his/her choice. (Emphasis added)

## When and Where Will the Interview Take Place?

Section 3303 (a) of the Government Code provides that the interview should preferably occur while the officer is on duty, or during normal waking hours. This is unless the seriousness of the investigation requires otherwise.

In my experience most interviews are on duty or very close to it. This not only complies with state law, but helps control overtime. We do have occasions that may necessitate off hours interviews. They usually involve serious misconduct or a severe scheduling conflict with the involved parties.

The interview should occur at the officer's division, the investigator's workplace or some other site (lawyer's office, the League or ORS) agreed upon by the parties.

## How Do I Get a Representative?

During normal business hours you can contact representatives at ORS at (213) 485-9516 or through DHD during off hours at (213) 485-2504. ORS maintains the names and phone numbers of local employee representatives who have attended our representation school.

The League can be contacted at (213) 251-4554. If you are a League member you are entitled to a one hour free consultation with a League attorney. If you are accused of criminal misconduct this should be your first stop.

If we can be of assistance please contact us at ORS. Please have a safe and Happy Halloween!

**Richardson** traveled to the High Sierras resort at Kirkwood Mountain and participated in the second annual FBI High Sierra SWAT Challenge. Fourteen teams of eight members took part in the event, via zodiac. The event lasted approximately 48 hours involving fourteen check points at 2 and 9 mile intervals with a few tactical exercises including rappelling, hostage rescues, trip wires, land mines and a lake voyage via zodiac boat to an island clandestine narcotic lab. Phew!

## Will the Real K9-1 Please Stand Up

Congrats to K9 plus one handler, **Danny Bunch**. Danny has returned to

the training crew and renewed his K9 number. Nice going, Danny!

## Meanwhile, Back at the Barn

Congrats to **Steve Weaver**. Steve is joining the Metro Calvary after an initial run as an element member of C pltn. MG, please make sure he reads this! Get well wishes to **Lou "10-Lincoln" Huett**. Hurry back, Lou. Hector needs supervision!

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# FOURTH ANNUAL Downed Officer Support Ride

Photos by Dennis P. Zine

LAPD Honor Guard opened the ceremony at the 1999 Downed Officer Support Ride.



LAPD Family Support President Ann Brunzell, LAPD Chaplain Steve Hillman, Sheriff Lee Baca and Deputy Chief Maurice Moore.

LAPD Motor Officers Mike Bissett and Daryl Hinson participated in the Downed Officer Support Ride along with Debbie Bissett and Ron Michel.



League Director Dennis P. Zine with KZLA radio host Wendy.



Specialized Enforcement Section Officer Mario Cruz and soon-to-be wife.



LAPD Officer Phil Dudley and wife.



LAPD family Support Group Members with KZLA radio host Wendy.

On August 22nd, 1,000 motorcycles and 1,200 supporters participated in the 4th Annual Downed Officer Ride. The ride started at the Valencia Town Center Mall and began with a posting of colors by the LAPD Honor Guard and the LASD Mounted Honor Guard. This was followed by an invocation by Chaplain Steve Hillman and the following poem written and read by the ride's founder, Sgt. Bob Norlemann, LASD Santa Clarita Station:

## The Peace Officer's Memorial

As I sit and listen to the names being read,  
I often wonder, why didn't the bad ones die in their stead.  
I stand and watch as the survivor's walk by,  
the families left behind can do nothing but cry.  
One hundred fifty-six names are posted this year,  
each one a story, each story brings tears.  
I can't help but notice, the children I see,  
some so very small, not even up to my knee!  
They are so young, it's so sad to think,  
from their parent they'll never see, a smile, or a wink.  
Our heroes die younger each year, so it seems,  
we lay them to rest, beneath so green.  
We must do something, I don't know what just yet,  
but I can guarantee one thing, we will never forget!  
Do them a favor, each night before you rest,  
remember in your prayers, COPS ARE THE BEST!

Sheriff Leroy Baca, Deputy Chief Maurice Moore, Ann Brunzell (LAPD Family Support Group) and Kerrysue Underwood (LASD Survivor's in Partnership) each addressed the crowd. Ann Brunzell then awarded the first scholarship, made possible by proceeds from past rides, to Russell Elkins. Russell's father was LAPD Officer John Elkins, who worked at Parker Center prior to his untimely death three years ago.

The riders left the mall and went on the beautiful 90-mile poker run, ending up at the Rye Canyon West film facility back in Valencia. The riders received a lunch catered by Chuy's Mesquite Broiler Restaurant, a live band and lots of vendors. A great time was had by all.

This year the ride grossed approximately \$28,000 before expenses, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Family Support Group and Survivor's in Partnership. The Downed Officer Support Ride has been formed as a nonprofit foundation this year. As such, plans are to help families of police officers, deputies and firefighters anywhere in Southern California, when a death occurs not only in the line of duty, but from natural causes or accidental death while in the service of the respective department. The foundation will be sending several survivors to grief counseling seminars and intends to specialize in children's grief issues as well as counseling adult survivors. If you are aware of anyone needing these services, you can contact Sgt. Norlemann at 661-255-1121.

Next year's ride will be on August 20, 2000, and will be the fifth year of the event. Plan to attend if you can; it is a memorable experience. ❖



Russel Elkins received the 1999 Sgt. Norlemann Scholarship.



# COPS for TOTS



Photos by Ted Hunt



# CAR SHOW



## DIVISIONAL REPORTER

# Southern Tip

by Alley Cat  
Harbor Division

Summer has come and gone with no major incidents to report out of Harbor. Most of the vacations are over and everyone is back to work. There are a few tidbits I would like to throw out to past employees of this quiet little division.

Harbor Division had its annual picnic at the Harbor Range. I would like to thank the responsible persons who worked so hard to put on this fine event. Sgt. Kellie Castillo, Sgt. Rich Harper, Barry Telis, John Urban, Jeff Brouwer, Kara Silverstein, and last but not the most important, Richard Henry, Father Floyd Henry, and brother Floyd Henry for all the fine lip-smacking BBQ food. Art Ibarra has been there for the last three years and fighting the heat by assisting with all the hot coals of the BBQ pit. Ladies and gentlemen you all did a bang job and a big thank you goes out to all of you from Harbor personnel. Oh yes, I forgot, Harbor Detectives, with the help from a lot of youngsters, beat Harbor Patrol in the annual softball game.

Sgt. Gary Bean and Fritz McDowell thought it would be a good idea to relate

with Central Traffic Division. They entered their old cars in the C.T.D. Cops for Tots Car Show. Gary has a super-clean '56 Chevy Belair and Fritz had his '68 Mustang and '72 Chev El Camino. Once again, C.T.D. did a fantastic job of putting on a car show at the LAPD Academy (old one) that drew a crowd of thousands. There were hundreds of cars, all years, all models and people from all walks of life. If one gets the chance next year to just stop and visit at the show, it is well worth the time spent. Of course, this is for car and motorcycle buffs.

Transfers have slowed somewhat to the people that matter—the real street cops. We lost a few young, new, P-2s: W. Joyce and G. Bush, who are en route to Pacific Division. Eric Peterson bailed to South Bureau. We were really lucky and got two young sergeants in: S. Moody and R. Plows. The fresh bodies from the Academy are: J. Coyle, S. Laule, J.



Photos by Gary Bean

### Cops for Tots ...

Lawrence, and F. Pajaro. We even lost an old PSR, Cindy Curti to WLA. Good luck to all of you in your new endeavors.

I still can't figure out what's going on with all the sick, lame, and lazy on LAPD. We have 19 people off with various illnesses and injuries. Someone please enlighten me how we can have this many off from one division? Is it the physical conditioning of these people or just malingering? I would hope not.



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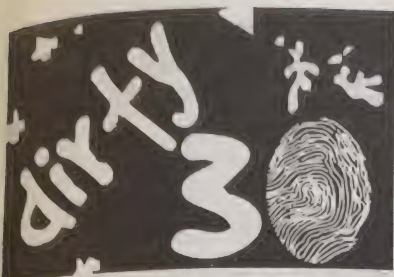
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by Officer Robert Peters, Tunnel Rat Transit Group

Greetings fellow Tunnel Rats and Exhaust Eaters. Sorry we missed last month's reporter, but we have a new guy (that's me) doing the reporter now, and he wasn't fast enough on the draw to get last month's article out prior to deadline. My apologies and it won't happen again . . . often.

Well, unfortunately summer is over and the cold months of winter are fast approaching. I hope all of you made it to the Protective League's annual Raging Waters party. We should have plenty of pictures from that for next month's piece.

## B2V 2K

And speaking of rapidly approaching seasons: the last Baker to Vegas race of the twentieth century will take place during April of the year 2000, and Transit Group will be there.

Co-Captains **Mike Hall** (P-2) and **Nathan Kouri** (P-2) have decided that TRG will be competing in the divisional category, and we are taking aim at some of the "Big Threat" divisions such as Rampart, 77th, and Metropolitan Divisions. Okay, maybe Metro will have to wait until next year for us to unseat them, but we're thinking positive here.

Any way you look at it, Transit Group will be a big contender at the B2V 2K. Among other things at stake is the LAPD/LASO transit trophy which we have held since its inception two years ago. But, we have to get to B2V 2K first, and our fearless leaders have already begun the necessary begging, and the shameless merchandising required to raise money for our running team.

A barbecue was held on August 25th. Mike and Nathan cleverly located the feast right next to Central Jail so that many of the deputies who will be running against us aided in our fund-raising efforts.

Thanks to our captains (assisted by part-time chef, Tony Ochoa) we managed to raise \$500 for the team to buy shoes for our feet and Band-Aids for our blisters. Future fund-raiser feasts will be held every pay day at Transit Bus Division parking lot on Bauchet Street at Vignes Street. All are welcome to attend.

## Hostage Crisis Looms at TRD!

In other news, Lt. Davis, who strangely enough is proud to be a Bay Area native, has proudly displayed a San Francisco "City Limits" sign in the watch commander's office for some time now. Sadly, upon reporting for

duty the other morning the good lieutenant was shocked and dismayed to find that his beloved sign was missing from its usual place on the wall behind his desk.

A ransom note and a strange video tape identifying the kidnappers only as "The People's Choice" was found in its place. I understand that the FBI has been notified and is looking into the matter.

Sure they are . . .

Lt. Davis is quoted as saying, "I never thought it would happen to me." There is no word as to whether the good lieutenant intends to pay the ransom or wait it out. Luckily, I understand the kidnappers accept major credit cards, personal checks and small items in barter. But they don't take American Express . . . go figure.

## Condolences

Our condolences go out to Officer **Guadalupe Nuñez** and her family on the loss of her father, Rito Nuñez. Several officers from TRD along with Cdr. **Zimmon** attended the funeral as a show of support for Officer Nuñez who is new to TRD.

## New Beginnings

On the happier side of life's cycle, TRD would like to congratulate Officer **Bowens** and his wife on the birth of their son, Zion. Zion came into the world on Friday, August 13, 1999, at 0400 hours. Mother, son and proud pops are doing fine.

## "Hi's and Bye's"

TRD would also like to welcome its newcomers: Officer **Guadalupe Nuñez** from VTD, P-2 **Robert Burbois**, and P-2 **Robert Peters** from 77th Street, and Capt. **Wasson**, our new C.O., previously of Uniform Support Division.

Leaving us this month is newly promoted P-3 **Sergio Sanchez**. Sergio, who migrated from LAPD to MTA Police, then MTA back to his roots, was recently awarded a P-3 spot at Southwest Patrol Division. Congrats, Sergio!

## Until Next Time . . .

Okay, that's about it from Transit Group. Let me just take the time to say that being the new guy on the block, both as a tunnel rat and as the writer for the divisional reporter, that I am happy to be here. After 2 DPs at "the Rail," I am proud to say that this division just gets better and better. We are constantly bringing in "new blood" in the form of our usual influx of new P-2 dawns off the wheel as well as some of the more "tenured" officers from around the department who are anxious to try something new and different.

Like the Marine Corps, we are always looking for a few good men (and women) to add to our family down here. If you are interested in a "specialized" assignment that offers good training and advancement opportunities, then put together a 15.88 and contact Lt. Davis at 922-3550. And, hey, let him know if you see his sign, huh?



by Floyd Toledo  
Hollywood Division

## Only in Hollywood

From the "has this ever happened to you" files. On a bright, sunny summer day in Los Angeles you get a subpoena to appear in court. You ask your fellow detectives if you can borrow one of those fancy, nobody-but-the-bad-guys-can-tell-it's-the-police undercover cars. After that fails, you go to the kit room and ask Officer **McGowin** for keys to a black & white patrol vehicle. So you go to court and put another bad guy behind bars. You go to the parking structure where you parked your police vehicle, in compliance with the Chief's orders. You drive back to your station and hear a radio broadcast of a stolen police vehicle. A quick check reveals that the vehicle that you are in is not the one that Mac loaned you earlier. So you turn yourself in to Det. **Binford** of the Hollywood Auto Detail and demand credit for one "recovered stolen."

## Ins, Outs & Ups

Did you see who was on the transfer list for DP #9? Moving into our neighborhood from the Chief's office came Capt. **I.D. Baca**. He will lead our "High Profile Case Team." If you don't believe that then just ask Det. **Gasparian** and Det. Trainee **Dennis McNeal** about their latest case. Looks like patrol is getting P-3 **N. Toosbuy** from Rampart. Graduating from the Academy are P-1s **H. Garza**, **G. McNamee**, and **E. Morales**.

Leaving was Capt. **1 S. Diaz**, who completed his probation and left for the glamour of IAG. DHD has Russian-speaking P-2 **L. Kroyan**, Newton received P-2 **S. Walsh**, and Van Nuys welcomed P-2 **K. Kelley**.

## Detective Honored

Det. **Gevork Shamlyan** is an 11-year veteran of the department. He is currently assigned to the sex crimes unit. His abilities in the investigation of sex crimes are recognized not only by the rank and file of Hollywood Area but also by colleagues in other related disciplines, such as the Sexual Assault Medical Examiners and Sexual Assault Prosecutors. Det. **Shamlyan** is known to volunteer for every department school that is offered and he dedicates

himself to excellence through continued training. He is trilingual, speaking English, Russian, and Armenian. He provides expert translation in Armenian for the Department, a great benefit for the Armenian community.

His dedication to his investigations was demonstrated when he investigated a serial rapist that had been preying on women on the west side of Sunset Boulevard in late 1998. Det. **Shamlyan** carried that case through from the start to the finish with a successful prosecution. That sexual predator now faces a sentence of 41 years in prison. **Shamlyan** is a valuable asset to Hollywood Detectives and has demonstrated his potential to be one of the top investigators in the city. The community of Hollywood and the citizens of Los Angeles are fortunate to have such a dedicated and competent detective.

Det. **Shamlyan's** efforts have been recognized and it is with great pride that Det. **Shamlyan** has been selected as the Hollywood operations Support Division Employee of the Second Quarter 1999.

## Patrol Officer Honored

P.O. III **Nathan Banry** is a five-year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department. The past two years he has been assigned to the Hollywood Patrol. **Banry** has recently been assigned to the Hollywood footbeat detail due to his outstanding communications skills, tenacity, dedication, and ability to solve complex problems. The Hollywood footbeat is a high profile and name recognition assignment where incidents frequently become front page news. The challenges of this assignment are many, with the influx of tourists from all over the world, the migration of runaway kids, the large homeless populations loitering and begging for money. **Officer Banry is the kind of officer who can easily communicate with these diverse groups.** When a major problem arises, **Banry** is the recognized problem solver. He recently streamlined a booking process of Hollywood Boulevard arrests that enabled patrol officers to return to field activities in a very short time. **Banry**, as a training officer, instructs his probationers in the fine art of making quality observations and arrest. He will instruct them on how to solve problems permanently. **Officer Banry** projects a very good image to the many people who see and meet him on the boulevard. **Banry** can often be seen talking and assisting tourists, answering questions and giving them directions.

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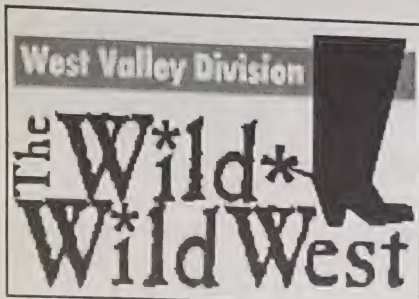
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# DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Tony Valadez  
West Valley Division

Hello again everyone! As I write this, the Labor Day weekend and another gorgeous Southern California summer come to a close. I hope everyone had a great summer. We can only hope that the transition to Y2K is as pleasant.

## Local Heroes in Blue

Many congratulations and thanks go out to four of West Valley's own. On September 15, the LAPD Medal of Valor was awarded to P-3 **Joe Kaylin**, P-3 **Andy Azodi**, P-3 **Kevin Foster** (now at Foothill Div), and P-2 **Jude Bella** (OK, he's on "temporary" loan to Training Division). They were recognized for their bravery, self sacrifice, and teamwork, while attempting to save a downed Glendale P.D. detective. All of us are busting buttons with pride. A well-earned "Good job!" to all of you.

## The WVAL Stork Report

Officer **Robert Surman** and his lovely wife announced the birth of their new baby boy. Andrew Philip Surman,

all 7.0 pounds of him, came into their lives on September 2, 1999. Officer Surman, wife, and baby are all doing fine. Congratulations.

## Commendable Copper Capers??

On August 22, 1999, at approximately 1700 hours, PM Watch Officers P-3+1 **Sabrina Kuhn** and her partner, P-2 **Dennis Mesa** were on routine patrol, in the area of 4700 Lindley Avenue (probably en route to a C-30), when they were flagged down by a very distraught WVAL citizen. The upset citizen informed the officers that her cat (yes, you read right, her cat) was stuck in a 60 foot cypress tree for several days. A crowd of concerned neighbors began to form around the officers. The crowd of neighbors confirmed the report, stating that the cat had been "howling" for days and nights. LAFD was unable to locate the cat on prior occasions and other city entities would not respond. Officers Kuhn and Mesa conducted an intensive search of the area for the cat, with negative results. Officer Kuhn, being the dedicated SLO that she is, returned with Officer Mesa at 2300 hours, to continue the search. They could hear the cat's pleas for help, but could not locate it. Being a good officer, that actually reads the training and special orders given to her at roll call, Officer Kuhn left her business card with the visibly distraught WVAL citizen.

Officer Kuhn and Mesa returned to the location on August 23 (after receiving additional calls at the station from

citizens) and finally observed the weakened cat atop a 40 foot high tree. The officers again attempted to contact various city entities, to no avail, as neighbors rallied to the cat's aid. Officers Kuhn and Mesa were finally able to contact LAFD, who sent in the hook-and-ladder. Betsy the cat was finally rescued after a 6-day ordeal, to the relief of her very grateful owners. Officers Kuhn and Mesa are to be commended for their concern and reverence for life, their persistence, compassion, responsiveness to community needs, unwavering commitment to accomplishing their mission, and their ability to cut through the city's red tape and actually get something done. And who says nothing happens in the Valley! Good job guys!

## The Welcome Mat

All of us at WVAL would like to welcome in Sgt. **Whitman**, Sgt. **Garcia**, P-2 **Renzelman**, P-2s **Rothman** and **Castro**, along with our newest Academy graduate P-1s **Armijo** and **Beidle**.

## A Fond Farewell

A teary goodbye goes out to Sgt. **Armelin** (OVB-COBRA), P-2 **Kip Jackson** (our newest poster child at EODD), P-2 **Francisco Diaz** (NWTN), P-2 **Robert Sieger** (OVB), along with P-2s **Phillip Tate** and **Terry Turner** (VTD). We wish all of you good luck in your new assignments. Don't forget to stop in and visit.

## Up the Ladder

Two more of WVAL's best were recently promoted. Sgt.-1 **Cindy Benes** is now Lt. Benes, now assigned to HOBK AM Watch. P-3 **Dennis Hammonds** is

now Sgt. Hammonds at Pacific Div. Congratulations to both of you. Can I have a T/O now?

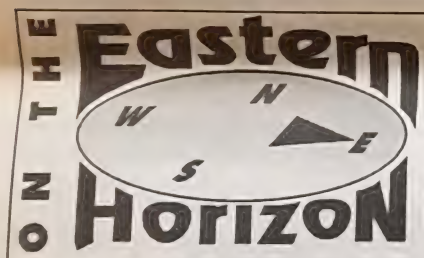
Congratulations also go out to P-3s **Donovan Lyons** and **Chris Warren**, who are our newest P-3 CRASH Officers. Go get 'em guys.

## A Personal Opinion

Sgt.-2 **Paul Sciarillo** came to Day Watch roll call to discuss League business. He gave a very detailed and informative review of what is up-and-coming in the League. If you have any League-related questions, use the League phone number (213-251-4554), or flag down Sgt. Sciarillo, or any of the other WVAL League delegates. As an additional reminder, our League directors need OUR input to prioritize what to fight for during the upcoming contract negotiations. They are OUR voice. How are they to know what WE want if WE don't tell them? League surveys are going out in the mail, if you haven't received one already. Take the time, fill it out, and send it back to the League! The upcoming contract negotiations are important to the city as well as to us. If you want a raise and/or CWS, pension-based pay, or anything else negotiated into the contract, you need to tell the League. Oh, by the way, the Compressed Work Schedule (hint-hint: 3/12) is a good thing (based on personal experience). Make your voice heard!

Well, that's all I have this month. Remember, the *Blue Line* box is in the Area office, if you have anything you want placed into the article.

This is 10A57. Roger on continued patrol.



by Ruben Rodriguez  
Hollenbeck Division

Happy first month of fall to you and your loved ones. May you have a very haunting Halloween night!

## Congratulations

I want to offer my most sincere congratulations to my good friend, **John "Johnny-O" Lopez**, who recently wed his sweetheart. On August 29, 1999, John walked his beautiful bride, Tina, to "the altar" in a lovely garden ceremony. I was fortunate enough to have been invited and attended the event. John and Tina, I wish you both a lifetime of happiness and may nothing but the best come your way.

## More Congratulations

Speaking of weddings, I also extend hearty congratulations to **Erika Gallegos**, who was also recently married. Erika tied the knot with Mr. Joseph Phillip Rodriguez on Saturday, July 1, 1999, in a ceremony held in Pasadena. Congratulations and best wishes for a wonderful future.



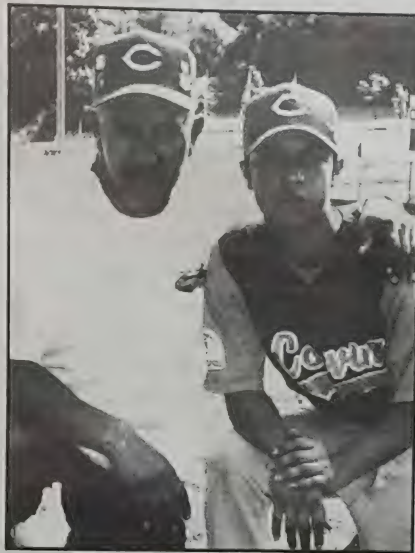
The happy newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. John Lopez.



New married couple Erika and Joseph Rodriguez.

## Pat on the Back

I wish to acknowledge **Josh Martinez**, son of our very own property officer, **Robert "Yoda" Martinez**. Josh was a member of the Covina baseball team that



Robert and son Josh Martinez.

recently captured the Pony League World Series Championship by beating Chinese-Taipei. Bob, obviously a proud father, stated that this is the first time that the cit of Covina produced a championship team since 1975. Bob also stated that the last time a California team was

crowned as champions was 13 years ago, in 1986. This is obviously a great accomplishment and we wish to congratulate Josh and all of his teammates. Josh, don't forget your old friends when you get to the Major Leagues.

## Update

According to PM Watch Commander **Lt. Mariani**, this year's summer picnic, held at the Police Academy, was a great success. A great time was had by all at the annual family event. A special thanks to **PSR Linda Ortega** for her participation in helping to put the event together.

## Welcome

We wish to extend a warm Hollenbeck welcome to **Lt. C. Benes**, who promotes in from West Valley. Lt. Benes is now the AM Watch Commander. We also say hi and welcome to **Det. V. Corella**, joining us from South Bureau Homicide. A welcome hand also goes out to P-2 **R. Santos**, in from Wilshire, and P-2 **M. Rubin**, coming to us from West L.A. We have four new recruit officers in from the Police Academy. They are P-1s **O. Castillo**, **C. Jones**, **A. Schubert**, and **T. Walch**.

## So Long

We say goodbye this month to **M. Reyes**, who promotes to P-3 and moves on to TD. We also say good luck to **R. Ferrer**, who also promoted to P-3 and is now assigned to West Valley. Congratulations to both of you on your promotions. **E. Chavez** is now working the streets of Central Division, while **Wendy Geraci** is now a gunfighter at Southwest. **K. Lau** is assigned to TBD and **B. Kanuit** is now keeping the citizens of Van Nuys safe. Good luck to all of you in your respective new assignments.

## Que Paso?

This month's salute goes out to my good friend, **Cynthia Gonzales**, who recently returned to Hollenbeck Patrol. Cindy, good to have you back!

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by Cheri Roberts  
Pacific Division

#### RTC Assistance

Sgt. **Pete Lopez** was recently involved in an attempted traffic stop, turned pursuit. The young driver of the unreported stolen Chevy Suburban failed to stop at a stop sign, and when Sgt. Lopez lit him up, the chase was on. But due to the inexperience of the driver, he crashed into a house and took off on foot. Sgt. Lopez, while in his black & white, continued to follow the suspect, who began to run up a "hilly" street. Then suddenly, appearing in his rear view mirror, was a recruit class on a run. How convenient! So the two P.T. instructors (Officer **Barrios** and Officer **Marshall**) came running up alongside of Sgt. Lopez, looking at him like, "You want us to get him?" As soon as he gave the YEAH! sign, they took off after the suspect, catching up to him and taking him down just like in the movies. There were three lessons learned on this day. To the suspect, don't run from the police when you're near the RTC, you won't outrun Officer Barrios or Marshall! To the recruit class, this is an example of a foot pursuit and take down perfectly maneuvered. And to all officers, this is an example of doing anything to get there before your supervisor actually has to get out and chase the suspect themselves. Ha! Ha! P.S. Thanks for your help!

#### Bowling: Patrol vs. Detectives

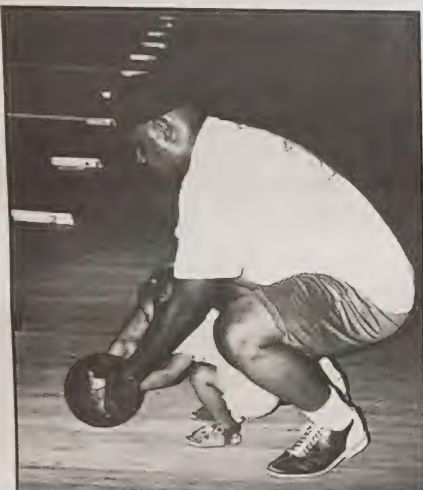
We recently had a bowling excursion set up by Det. **Chuck Worthen**, where Patrol personnel bowled against Support. It was amazing to see just how many people showed up with their own ball and shoes! Due to the odd number of people, Chuck took the total scores and divided them by the number of people bowling for each side... or something like that. He claims that Detectives won by about three pins, but we're not sure about his adding! Nonetheless, a great time was had by all, and we want a rematch!

#### Day at the Races: October 30th

We would like to let everyone know about our exciting upcoming event on Saturday, October 30th. We are putting on a family-filled fun day at Santa Anita Raceway. In addition to the "ponies," there will be a moon bounce, a caricature artist, pony rides, a face painter, and more for the kids. We will be in the middle section of the racetrack and will be providing a barbecue lunch for everyone! It should be a lot of fun. Bring your whole family! For tickets: See Judith in Admin, (310) 202-4571, or any CRO officer, (310) 202-4524. Prices are: Adults 16+ - \$20, kids 6-15 - \$10, under 6 free! See you at the races...

#### Movin' In

We would like to welcome the following people to Pacific Area: Sgt. **Brooks** in from LAS, Sgt. **Campbell** over from SW, Sgt. **Hammonds** in from WVAL, Sgt. **Feliciano** over from 77th, Sgt. **Aduato** over from WIL, Sgt. **Glodery** back from LAX, Officer



Paul Williams shows his little girl the proper form to throw (or roll) a strike.



Judith Gorum checks Chuck Worthen's math during our mini bowling competition.

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#### Movin' Up

Congratulations to the following people who have recently promoted: D-3 **Kurt Wachter**, Sgt. 2 **Arneson**, and Sgt. 2 **Hallford**.

#### Movin' Out

We wish the following people who are leaving Pacific Area the best of luck

in their future endeavors: LT **Regina Scott**, who recently promoted and went to SE; newly promoted Sgt. **Pete Casey**, who went to SW; Sgt. 2 **Islas**, who went to IAG; newly promoted Sgt. 2 **Pettway**, who went to WIL; Sgt. **Beatty**, who went to VNYS (exactly how much time did you spend here at Pacific?); Det. **Scott**, who went to 77th; newly promoted P-3 **Durell**, who went to CID; Officers **Armstead** (congrats!) and **Dobine**, who went to DHD; Officer **Cannon**, who went to ND; Officer **Bacon**, who went to NEWT; Officer **Dominguez**, who went to SE; Officer **Garcia**, who went to TBD; Officer **Ramirez**, who went to TBD; and Officer **Hodson**, who went to WIL. Good luck!

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# DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Gail Ryan  
Newton Division

It doesn't pay to rob in your own neighborhood. Several days after a victim was relieved of his vehicle by a gun toting gang member at 53rd and Holmes he saw the gangster again while driving around the area looking for his vehicle. The victim confronted the suspect and demanded the return of his vehicle and property. The suspect refused. The victim notified investigating detectives **Marrufo** and **Mitchell**. The detectives conducted a check of the address the victim gave them. They discovered the suspect's true name and that he had been arrested recently by LASO for a crime using a gun. The detectives arrested the suspect and were able to file two counts of robbery and two counts of car jacking against him.

On July 17th, Officers **Jordan** and **Winter** responded to USCMC in response to radio call regarding a shooting victim. The victim was a suspect in a petty theft at a Newton "mom and pop" store, and he was reluctant to talk. The officers conducted a follow-up to the store. They learned the store owner had taken matters into his own hands, when he chased a juvenile, who had stolen beer, out of his store and fired five rounds at his getaway car, striking an occupant in the back seat. The owner, a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars, did not recognize the error of his ways of shooting at fleeing petty thieves in the middle of the street. Thus, the victim now became the suspect when the DA filed one count of ADW against him.

On July 21, Officers **Arellano** and **Ellis** caught one of Newton's more famous bandits, THE THREE Cs BANDIT. The officers had responded to a burglar alarm at the Avalon Slauson Pharmacy, a location the officers had responded to on several previous calls. They deployed quickly and were able to observe the suspect scaling an interior wall in an attempt to escape. The bandit, who only stole candy, cash, and condoms during the commission of his crimes, was taken into custody without incident, putting an early end to his evening and crime spree.

In another unique burglary, Officers **Miller** and **Larrinua** responded to a radio call at the True Samaritan Baptist Church, at 5415 S. Main Street. Upon arrival, they observed that the rear window of the church was

smashed and the lights were on. Checking the interior, the officers located a fresh trail of blood. They followed the trail and the K-9 dog alerted to a rear wall. The officers located the suspect and took him into custody. Following the arrest, the officers noted the church's refrigerator was open and a large salad pan was resting on a chair. They also found a large turkey roasting in the oven. The suspect's defense was that he had arrived early at the church for Thanksgiving dinner and decided to help cook the turkey and fix the salad. Only problem with his defense is that Thanksgiving is November not July and it doesn't take four months to roast a turkey.

Newton vice officers were busy recently when they conducted an inspection of the Carioca Bar, located at 5517 South Broadway. The officers, working in an undercover capacity, made six arrests within minutes of entering the



D3 "Tony K" Ketelsleger and D2 J.C. Johnson at retirement luncheon.

location. Immediately upon entering the bar, they were surrounded by "B-girls," obtaining two violations from the 75 girls working there. While arresting the bar manager for allowing the activity to occur, they also observed three other individuals passing and dropping cocaine on the floor. Next, vice turned their attention to the Eastsider Motel, located at 2133 S. Central Avenue. Working with personnel from Organized Crime, Newton Vice conducted a spontaneous trick task force in the area. This location was the subject of prior vice complaints. The operation was a success, resulting in the arrest of seven suspects for prostitution. And finally, Vice turned their attention to the Central Avenue corridor, from 7th Street to Florence Avenue, in the AM hours. They made over eight arrests for prostitution before 8:00 a.m. It seems some enterprising "ladies of the evening" had decided to become "ladies of the morning" and cash in on an early morning clientele en route to work.

DON'T FORGET: Det. III "Tony K" Ketelsleger and Det. II J. C. Johnson's Retirement Steak Fry on October 7th at the Griffith Park Ranger Station. Contact: Detectives **Baitx** or

## West LA Journal

by Mary Dacey  
West L.A. Division

Senior Lead Officer **Ragsdale** did a commendable job coordinating the event and was assisted by **Julie Fuller**, **Gerry "Klink" Trinidad**, **Raphael Trosclair**, **Robert Jaramillo** and **Carrera** . . . please forgive my omissions.



Trinidad, Jaramillo and Carrera - can you believe we trusted them to Bar-B-Q?!

Rheuban's Tow provided the barbecue sauce for which I am still attempting to find out the secret ingredient! That was by far the best chicken I have ever had. The steaks and hot dogs weren't bad either. **Mojarro** will soon be off to hear Don Ho and his ukelele as he was the grand prize winner of tickets to Hawaii. RATS. Several of other prizes were also awarded and **Lt. Markloff** managed to score a few, as usual. A splendid time was guaranteed for all. Join us next year, just don't forget to bring your sunscreen. The only thing worse than a summer sunburn is a summer mosquito bite.

Joining me here in the studio is Det. **Paul Bishop**, a 23-year veteran of the LAPD who has also had a parallel 22-year career as a writer. His current release is *Tequila Mockingbird* with his 8th novel, *Chalk Whispers* due out in



WLA Detective Paul Bishop.

April of 2000. Paul began his writing career by submitting freelance articles to various magazines and turned to writing novels in 1984. *Chalk Whispers* is his 4th in a series featuring female homicide detective Fey Croaker. He

has also written episodes for television shows including "Diagnosis Murder," starring Dick Van Dyke. He recently finished an original television script for a movie titled, "Cardinal Sins." Paul gave me some words of wisdom for aspiring writers. He said, "Write what you want to write. Don't chase trends. Sit down and tell the best story that you can." He recommended *Writer's Digest* magazine and a book titled *Writer's Market*, which contain information on where and how to submit manuscripts for consideration. He said they are "kind of like the bibles of the profession." If you are writing as an officer, he said to weave your experiences into the framework of a plot. Det. Bishop supervises the Sex Crimes and Major Assault Crimes units at West L.A. He has been honored twice as the Detective of the Year and has also been presented with the city's Quality and Productivity Award. He completed a tour of duty with the Anti-Terrorist Division. Paul Bishop has been specializing in interrogation techniques for several years and said he loved the one-on-one situation in the interrogation room with him and the suspect. He has also found time to spend with his family and even gets in some pleasure reading from time to time. After all, he himself said, "I became a writer as a direct result of being a voracious reader."

Welcome and congratulations to Lt. **Tom McDonald** who recently arrived at WLA, just in time to help with Y2K! How many officers are there in a Mobile Field Force? 40. That and other issues will be ongoing topics for roll-call training during the upcoming months. Some of you have probably already started collecting food and water, etc., for Y2K. For those who haven't, I'd like to include a little excerpt (or 2 or 3 . . .) from some of the many articles I have acquired from experts on Y2K. Ready? Here goes nothin' . . . From London's Associated Newspapers, Ltd., 8/5/99, "Thousands of London Electricity's pre-paying customers have been left without hot water, light or cooked food for days, as a plan to save them from the millennium bug goes 'horribly wrong.' Also, Gary North's Y2K Links and Forums, "The number of companies in the world that have reported 100 percent compliance of all mission-critical systems, and 100 percent compliance of its vendors and suppliers, is zero. There is no compliant industry today. No major center bank on earth is compliant. No national government is compliant. The U.S. train transportation system is not compliant. No large telephone company has announced full compliance. Public water/sewer systems are not compliant, all over the world. Russia is sitting on top of a huge nuclear arsenal that will become unpredictable on January 1st. The FDIC's insurance program is not compliant. And this from the January, 1999, issue of *Vanity Fair*, "The potential for mayhem was demonstrated in '93, when curious engineers turned computers ahead at the North American Aerospace Defense Command, which alerts the President of approaching ICBMs (incoming ballistic missiles). At the simulated stroke of midnight, January 1, 2000, every NO-RAD warning screen froze. Of course, I could go on and on . . . but I won't . . . that is, not until next time."

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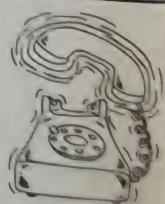
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# Northeast corner

by Lauro V. Montes  
Northeast Division

I hope everyone had a great summer and enjoyed spending some quality time with your family. But as we all found out, three months of quality time is more than enough. Thank God for September and the beginning of the new school year.

If any of you were like me and spent the summer at weekly barbecues, it's time to reintroduce yourself to your divisional weightroom. The treadmill, stationary bicycle, and free weights are just what the doctor ordered. Sign in first and just remember, it only hurts for the first two weeks.

## Thirty and Counting

Sgt. Joe Oliveri, #14481, 31 years, P-3 Rich Will, #13813, 31 years, and Sgt. Ron Lopez, #15363, 30 years, are three of Northeast's finest. Not only are they three of our most tenured officers, they are three of our most respected. Of all three officers, Rich Will has the most time at Northeast Division (31 years), and counting.

## Welcome Back!

Sgt. William Clements returned to duty on Labor Day, 9/6/99, after his recent illness. I'm sure I speak for all

your friends when I say, "What took you so long?"

## Open House

Northeast Division will be hosting its annual open house on Saturday, October 23rd, in the rear parking lot. There will be special appearances by DARE, SWAT, Motors, K-9, Bike Patrol, LAFD, Mounted Unit, Air Support and the Red Cross. Station tours will be available along with free hot dogs and drinks. Come on out and join all of us between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

## Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Officer Cindy Perez on her August wedding.

## Promotions

Congratulations to Lt. Kirk (Sgt. 2 from IAG), and Lt. Biersborn (Sgt. 2 from MSD) on their recent promotions. We hope you enjoy your stay at Northeast Division.

## Bienvenidos

A big Northeast Division welcome to Sgt. A. Sandoval from SE, Sgt. R. Brophy from FTHL, recruits Gillani, Jones, Park and Smith from TD, and PSR M. Fournier from BAD.

## Adios

Thanks to the following former Northeast personnel on their hard work while at Northeast Division: Lt. Byron Young to Newton, Lt. J. J. May to SE, Sgt. Dave Hall to HWD, P3+1 Louie Chavez to CID, P2 Mike Rodriguez to ASD, P2 Henry Guardado to CTD, and P1s Eric Holguin, Gail Bury and Marie Jimenez.

## Co-Ed Softball

Congratulations to Northeast Division softball (co-ed) players Paul Wil-

liams, John Marroquin, Terri Anderson, Eli Vilasenor, Everardo Amaral and Alex Jacinto. Their team captured fourth place among 32 other teams at the August Nevada Police Games held in Las Vegas.

## Lt. Byron Young

After having spent 10 plus years as a Northeast watch commander, Lt. Byron Young was recently transferred to Newton Division. He was a patrol favorite due to his fairness, calm demeanor and quasi-military approach to police matters. He did his best to take care of his own and for that we are very grateful. Best of luck at your new assignment. (The enclosed photo de-



N/E Detectives hard at work: (left to right) B. Sabado, T. Stephenson and V. Carreon.

Holguin, Bury and Jimenez. They were trying to thank all their TOs that trained them over the last 12 months. I was also informed it was the first such



Lt. Young and morning watch co-workers.

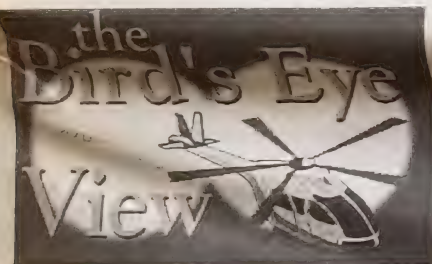
picts Lt. Young, in the middle of the photo, along with some of his morning watch co-workers.)

## Off-Probation Party

My sources tell me that a recent off-probation party was thrown by Officers

party thrown in the last 9 to 10 months. I told my sources that since I didn't get a personal invitation I couldn't mention it in the *Blue Line*.

C-ya next month!



by Cole Burdette  
Air Support Division

## ASD Happenings

Well, as we move through the Labor Day weekend and summer ends Air Support Division continues to change like the seasons. After our last big 6 Officer retirement a few months ago and some recent transfers and promotions we continue to change. We're not adding two new sergeants, two command pilots, two tactical flight officers, and a partridge in a pear tree... (that's right, only 89 more shopping days before Christmas.)

Officer Andy Whitman, an Air Support Division Tactical Flight Officer for the last nine years, just turned in his wings for a set of stripes. He's now West Valley Sgt. Whitman, but if you call him "Air 10," I guarantee he'll answer up. This is just another example of the talent/experience we are losing. Congratulations, Andy, and thanks for the memories. Be careful out there and don't be a stranger. From everyone at Air Support, good luck and Godspeed.

As anticipated, Officer Mike Rodriguez from Northeast CRASH just transferred in as our newest Tactical Flight Officer. Welcome to Air Support. With a little hard work Mike will earn his TFO Wings just after last month's new arrival, Wayne Oatis.

(Don't worry guys, the three-month probation "flies by.") Wayne Oatis didn't have enough on his mind already. He and his wife, Cindy, went and had a baby boy on August 20, 1999. Jonathan Patrick Oatis hasn't been up for a ride-along yet, but we all wish him and his proud family well. If he's anything like dad, we'll hand him a map book and put him to work.

Celebration is also in order for our two newest Command Pilots former TFOs Dan Hadfield and Larry Chamberlain. Dan and Larry earned their Pilot's Wings the first week in September. Thank you both for the meals you provided at your wings presentation. (Why is it when someone gets their wings, there are always footprints on the tile from the hanger to the locker room?) On behalf of Dan, Larry and the entire division, we'd also like to offer our thanks for the time and dedication put in by Dan Johnson and Dave Gomez, our ASD flight instructors.

Last, but not least, we'd like to welcome two new sergeants to Air Support—Bob Ackerman and Bill Shortly. I'm sure flight training won't be a real warm welcome, but it's kind of required. You asked for it. Good luck to you both and welcome aboard.

As you can see by now, Air Support Division is really, really changing. We continue to strive for high standards to remain strong like the oak tree but always flexible like the willow. (Had to throw some woodworker stuff in here.) During this evolution many opportunities are becoming available so if anyone is interested, come on up and check us out. Pilot orals should be complete by the time this is printed but our Tactical Flight orals should be right behind. (We're guessing October sometime.) Anyone needing further information call our Chief Tactical Flight Officer Jack Schonley at 5-2600. Five years on

the job is still required so we can continue to provide you with the best service possible.

Thanks to Officer Deb Kickbush we even look better these days. "No, not you, Deb," I mean thanks to Deb's coordination the repainting of our Air Support Buzzard Logo is now complete. Thanks to everyone who assisted with the painting and surface preparation. (And thanks to Sgt. Al Thatcher—that pressure washer really saved my back.) The logo once again looks great and is once again worthy of making anyone who walks on it give the Sgt. Major some pushups. (That's retired USMC Sgt. Major John Whittaker our station security guard.)

## ASD Tip of the Month

Let's talk about followings. We follow felony suspects so we can stop them when we are ready. This allows response of additional units, Air Support and you can just be K-9 heard it on Tac-1 and is rolling your way just in

case. When you hear sufficient units in the following there is still more to do. Take the initiative to cover a street on either side of the suspect vehicle and create a "rolling perimeter" around him. Hang back to slow traffic or find a safe Code-100 spot to stop facing traffic from entering the stop. (Always watch your crossfire here.) When you are primary and put out or hear sufficient units, "you pick your spot." As a rule, we won't illuminate the suspect vehicle until you do, so we don't force it when you're not ready. Consider background, available cover, pedestrian activity and terrain. Also if you are under or near trees, bridges or tall buildings, we can quickly lose our effectiveness. Use barriers like fences, walls and even cliffs to your advantage to stop escape routes. If the suspect doesn't stop where you want, try to direct him on the P/A. It's worth a try. Be safe, you watch your six and we'll watch the rest. Take care.

## More Divisional Reporter on next page

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# DIVISIONAL REPORTER

## 18 SOUTHEAST

by Al Labrada  
Southeast Division

Changes around Southeast are not unusual but they are during the summer vacation months. We recently had departure of several lieutenants here at Southeast but in their place we had several good replacements. We would like to bid a farewell to Lt. **P. Fontanetta** (IAG), and Lt. **D. McCarthy** (RHD). I would also like to congratulate Lt. **Blake Chow** on his recent new promotion to lieutenant. He will now be a WC



assigned to Southwest. A welcome back to Southeast for Lt. **R. Scott** (PAC) and Lt. **J. May** from Northeast.

Southeast would like to wish a speedy recovery to Senior Lead Officer **Armando Ramirez**. Officer Ramirez was involved in a serious on duty accident while responding to a call. Ramirez received injuries to his right eye when his face hit the windshield. Officer Ramirez will be off for a while as he recovers and we wish him well.

On August 6, 1999, Officer **Kristi Nielsen** and her partner, Officer **Alan Little**, were on patrol in the area of the Nickerson Gardens Housing Developments. They conducted a traffic stop of a previously known to be 415 loud and big woman (I mean real big). They stopped the car and the woman refused to cooperate, thinking that her big frame would help intimidate the officers. She was wrong. Officers Nielsen and Little jumped right on it and unfortunately sprained Officer Nielsen's left wrist. The WWF candidate suspect not only went to jail for felony battery but lost her car and will have to settle for low calorie jail food. Kristi, welcome to Southeast and we hope you have a speedy recovery.

On August 14, 1999, Southeast Area held the annual divisional picnic which was held at the Harbor Range. Lt. **Debbie McCarthy**, Sgt. **Kelly Arnett**, Officer **Linda Manrow**, and Officer **Danielle Wells** spearheaded the planning for the event. It had been some time since Southeast held a divisional picnic; therefore, this one was well anticipated. I was unable to attend due to a pre-planned trip with a very, very special person. However, from what was said, the dunk tank with Sgt. **Brooks** was not only the big money maker but also the biggest laugh of the picnic. I can't for the life of me think why someone would want to dunk Sgt. Brooks or intentionally throw baseballs at him. In addition to the intentional ball throwing, patrol challenged detectives to a friendly game of softball. In

short, the results of that game are evident by the small number of detectives walking around the station (who says they don't retaliate).

One of the other highlights was the volleyball game which the Southeast probationary officers won. However, they were stripped of their title because, (1) they don't address their superiors as sir or ma'am anymore; (2) they don't know FASTRAC as well as they play volleyball; (3) they take too many sick



days in conjunction with days off. Need I say more! In short, Southeast officers said they had a good time and look forward to an annual repeat. Thanks to the officers who planned the event.

The second annual Southeast baseball night was held on August 21, 1999, at Edison Field. The Angels were awful as usual, losing 5 to 0 to



the Detroit Tigers. Despite the poor performance of the Angels, it was a good family night and fun evening for all that attended. A big thanks goes out to P.O. III **Paul Scire** for setting the whole thing up again this year. (Story and photos submitted by Det.-III **Candy Delgado**).

### From the Bird

We would like to welcome into our deployment the new Colomey. Cassidy **Jordyn Colomey** was born on July 4, 1999. She weighed in at 8.5 pounds and was a Laker 30-1/2 inches long. We are hoping the baby will run like dad, Officer **Tim Colomey** (Southeast) but will talk like mom, **Marci Colomey** (Harbor).

### On the Move

I would like to bid a divisional farewell to Sgts. **P. Smith** (Jail) and **A. Sandoval** (NE). Congratulations to the new Metro Officer **T. Swift**. Remember, you need a new suit. Farewell to P.O. III **J. Perry** (Pacific), P.O. II **J. Arenas** (Central), P.O. II **Nancy Amoroso** (ND), P.O. II **R. Weaver** (PAC-LAX) and P.O. II **R. Puettmann** (SB).

I would like to welcome to the division new PIII Officer **A. Aceves** (DARE), P.O. III **S. Garcia** (ND), and P.O. II **F. Dominguez** (Pac); our new boot (wearers) P-1 **T. Burke**, P-1 **B. Crafton**, P-1 **F. Garcia**, P-1 **G. Harden**, and P-1 **M. Lorenz**.

Till the next one, if any of you current or retired Southeasters have some divisional war stories, send them in, attention **Al Labrada**, Southeast Area, 145 West 108th St., L.A., CA 90065. I will get them printed for upcoming issues.

BE SAFE!

## 77th All American Division

by Maria C. Marquez  
77th Street Division

### To Hook, Book and B.B.Q.

It is no well kept secret that if the morale is up so will your "numbers" be! I suppose one of the things that 77th Street always takes pride in is that we



Officer Art Yanez "Our Veterano" showing Officer Dan Vasquez the art of chopping carne asada.

continue to strive in true "traditional form." Hard efforts do not go unrecognized, and so our watches now go that extra mile and put on some outstanding barbecues and potlucks for our officers. Special thanks to our watch commanders for their support! The best part of this type of event is that the officers feel that they are appreciated, and that in itself



Officer Cliff Lloyd and Officer Roger Gaylord enjoying a P.M. Watch BBQ.

makes all of the hard work by those officers involved worthwhile. Let it be known that there is more than doughnuts and coffee for 77th Street Officers.

### Give Me the Time and I Will Solve the Crime...

Calls for service have gone down in 77th Division. Whoa! Another miracle in the "City of Angels"! With this blessing, some of our officers have done some outstanding work! Check it out...

On August 16, 1999, Officer **Mario Cardona**, #33905, and Officer **Ruben Martinez**, #33929, received a call about an ADW invest wherein the victim was soaked with alcohol and lit on fire. They met the victim and she provided some outstanding follow-up locations for the suspect. The officers met up with LAFD arson and conducted their follow-up investigations. These officers teamed up with Officer **Jay Nam**, #31310, and Officer **Erik Dagly**, #32255, and proceeded to the possible suspect's locations.

The first location was the residence of the suspect's mother and it was determined that he did not live there. They were, however, able to recover from this location four handguns. At the next location they were able to determine that the suspect did live at this location. However, he was not home. While conducting their investigation, the suspect returned and

was taken into custody without incident. Subsequently, he was booked for Mat 187 P.C.

Five nights later, Officer **David Craig**, #31411, and Officer **Ron Masterson**, #31676, were following up a "clue" of possible narcotic sales at a 77th Street location. After establishing an O.P., they were able to obtain enough probable cause to secure a "search warrant" for this location and prepared same. This is not something that patrol officers do on a continual basis, since this duty is left for specialized units. However, the outstanding preliminary investigation done by these two officers was so exemplary that a search warrant was more than required to resolve this blatant narcotic problem.

Once the warrant was obtained, these two officers received total support from numerous 77th Street officers and supervisors for its execution. The service of the warrant was a "multi-5 arrest" involving the sales of marijuana and cocaine.

These are just two outstanding incidents that have been brought to my attention lately. Congratulations guys on a job well done. It is nice to see that sometimes we have the opportunity to do some real police work. After all, isn't that why we all became police officers?

### Girls Will Have Fun

The female population (no probationers) recently took a break from things around the station lately. Thanks to Senior Lead Officer **Renee Minnick**, we were provided with a fully stocked tour bus and a stretched out limousine for **Nina "Jackie" Brown** and her



Officer Kristin Kolenda and Officer Eric Hagerty, "77th Partners For Life."

smoking crew! Our destination was the Greek Theater for a Go-Gos concert. Thanks, Northeast, for taking care of us when we arrived. We had been taken care of by the Greek as well as with outstanding seats, and even though the Go-Gos are from twenty years ago, it was surprising to see just how many of us could still sing "We got the beat." Right, lieutenant...

### Code 4, in Custody

77th Street would like to congratulate Officer **Kristin Kolenda** and Officer **Eric Hagerty** on their recent marriage which took place on August 7, 1999. Both of these officers are currently assigned to 77th Street and this divisional family was very happy to see this "partnership" take its full course!

Something for us all to remember: Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. —1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Take care and God bless!



# SPORTS BEAT

Sports Beat is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. For information about submissions to Sports Beat, please call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext 800.

## LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow  
LAPRAAC Sports Editor

### We're Looking for a Few Good Skiers

The LAPD Ski Team is on the lookout for skiers and snowboarders of all ability levels to join the team. Prospective new members are invited to the annual Ski Team party on Sunday, November 7, at the home of Mike and Ingrid Braun, to meet other team members and learn more about ski and snowboard racing.

Last year the 50 members competed in four different events in California, Colorado and Canada. This year will feature races in Canada, Lake Tahoe, Mammoth Mountain, and Keystone, Colorado. For more information, call Braun at (661) 250-8167 or (213) 485-2811. (If you prefer E-mail Braun at [lapdski@aol.com](mailto:lapdski@aol.com) or via LAPD E-mail 27025. The Ski Team also has a Web site located at <http://users.kcyb.com/lapd>.)

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### Flag Football, Volleyball Seasons Underway

If everything goes according to plan the Intradepartmental Flag Football and Volleyball seasons should now be underway.

## L.A. Cops Vow Revenge Against London Metropolitan Police Team

by Lenny Muñoz  
LAPD - Retired

The 6th annual Fight for Life boxing event is upon us. This yearly fundraiser for the City of Hope in Duarte, California, benefits their treatment of and research for cancer victims. Co-sponsored by the Los Angeles Police Protective League, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Relief Association, the Commerce Casino, and the Officer Needs Help Foundation, this worthy spectacle will feature a combined team from LAPD and the Sheriff's Department, going up against (for the third time) a team from London, England, comprised of various young British talents representing the Metropolitan Police.

The English team is a tough bunch, as it is comprised of near professional talent from the London area, not all of whom are law enforcement officers. Amateur boxing is taken very seriously over there, as evidenced by the high number of amateur boxing clubs scattered throughout London. The fighters are dedicated, skilled and trained by some exceptional handlers all year around. This is to their credit and it's one reason why they have been able to handle our fighters with relative ease during the first two meetings. In 1997, the London lads and lassies came to L.A. and seemingly had an easy time walloping our L.A. cops. Last year the L.A. team went to London, vowing to

The Flag Football season was slated to start Sunday, September 26, culminating with a post-season tournament on Sunday, November 14. The Volleyball season will definitely feature a tournament on either Wednesday, October 20, or Thursday, October 21. League play in the Elysian Park Academy Gym was dependent upon how many teams signed up at the September 22 team captains meeting.

For more information on Football and Volleyball schedules, call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800, or Debbie Moeller at (323) 221-5222, ext. 219.

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### Upcoming Team Captains Meetings

The next Baker to Vegas team captains meeting will be held on Thursday, October 14, 1130 hours, in the Academy Gym. Lunch is included. Attendance is strongly suggested for any station or division looking to enter a team in the Y2K Challenge Cup Relay.

Not to be outdone, the first Intradepartmental Basketball team captains meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 18, 1130 hours, in the Academy Lounge. Lunch is included. League play is expected to begin around the first of November, with the Capt. Al

Nelson Tournament for the department championship in February.

Please RSVP for either (or both) meetings to Debbie Moeller at (323) 221-5222, ext. 219.

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### Almost the Last Word on the Power Pigs

Can't close off this month's report without a reminder that the last Intradepartmental Bench Press competition of the millennium is coming up on Friday, October 29. Paul von Lutzow's 77th Streeters have the opportunity to close out the century with eight straight wins and earn the distinction as the LAPD team of the nineties.

Applications for the event are now available at all department weight rooms and divisions. Weigh-ins will be held Thursday, Octo-


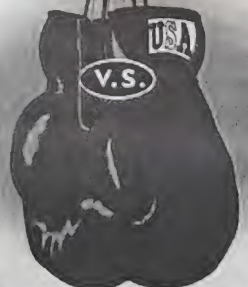
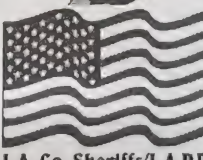


ber 28, 0900-1600 at the Elysian Park Academy Gym. Registration is \$18 for individual lifters, and includes a t-shirt. All participants (except retirees) must be dues-current LAPRAAC members. Teams of no less than three, nor no more than 40 lifters, must submit rosters to the Athletic Director's office by the close of weigh-ins on October 29 (divisions may enter more than one team). The event starts at 0900 sharp on October 29, following an 0830 rules briefing.

Is anyone out there planning a pre-Halloween surprise for the Power Pigs, or will the boars and sows evade the slaughterhouse once again and remain department champions? Sounds like a good way to spend some Code 7 time on the 29th. For more information on the Bench Press competition, call Jeanne Schwab at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218. ♦

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# SPORTS BEAT

## Ball Bounces True for the LAPD Racquetball Team

by Bart Landsman

The members of the LAPD Racquetball Team had a very successful season. In 1999 The World Police/Fire Games were held in Sweden and because there are no racquetball courts in that country, our team was forced to remain stateside. There were three events in which members of the team participated. They included The Arizona Police Games in Phoenix, The California Police Games in Pasadena (I mean 30 miles east in Claremont), and the just-concluded Nevada Police Games in Las Vegas. A special congratulations should go out to Rich Householder and Erik Solter for improving their play to a level that they are challenging for the number one position within the Department. If there are any racquetball athletes who wish to participate next year and would like more information, please contact Bart Landsman at Southeast Division at (213) 485-6924. Here are the 1999 results:

### Arizona Police Games

Bart Landsman Gold - Open Doubles  
Gold - Open Singles  
Gold - Age Group Singles  
Erik Solter Gold - Open Doubles  
Silver - Age Group Singles

### California Police Games

Paul Anderson Silver - Grand Master Singles  
Gold - "B" Grand Master Doubles

Mark Archuleta Bronze - "B" Senior Singles  
Bill Bowen Gold - "B" Grand Master Doubles  
Derek Brandon Bronze - Senior Singles  
Rich Householder Gold - Senior Doubles  
Steve Howe Gold - Senior Doubles  
Arturo Koenig Bronze - "B" Senior Singles  
Bart Landsman Gold - Senior Singles  
Manuel Santoyo Bronze - "B" Senior Singles  
Erik Solter Silver - Open Singles  
Bronze - Open Doubles

### Nevada Police Games

Derek Brandon Gold - Senior Doubles  
Silver - Age Group Singles  
Rich Householder Silver - Age Group Singles  
Bart Landsman Gold - Open Doubles  
Gold - Age Group Singles  
Bronze - Open Singles  
Erik Solter Silver - Age Group Singles



## Golf Tourney Slated Friday, October 8

The fifth in a series of bi-monthly Intradepartmental Golf Tournaments will be held on Friday, October 8, at Simi Hills Country Club in Simi Valley. Both individuals and four-person divisional teams are welcome to spend

Jaramillo, WTD, at (310) 342-3177 or Perry Barnes, NE, at (213) 485-2563. At the tournament held Friday, August 13, at Knollwood Country Club in Granada Hills, Devonshire's "home course advantage" proved the decisive



Join the Fun! What better way to spend a lazy Friday than golfing with your LAPD buddies (pictured here at Knollwood Country Club).

a relaxing day in the sun whacking the smithereens out of those small, round, dimpled things.

Scoring is based on handicap "stroke play" and the perpetual trophy goes to both team and individual first place for low net and gross. Registration is \$180 per team, \$45 for individuals, and includes green fees and a cart. For more information on participating in this LAPRAAC-sponsored event, contact Sal

factor as the Highlanders carded a net 290 to finish a stroke ahead of Northeast (Narcotics came in third at 294). Among individual golfers, Kenny Korn's 65 was good enough for low net while Devonshire Det. Russell shot a 72 to take low gross honors.

In the four tournaments to date Northeast has won three and holds the cumulative low net score with West Traffic in second.

## Los Angeles Police Golf Association Annual Year End Tournament

Friday, December 3, 1999  
California Country Club

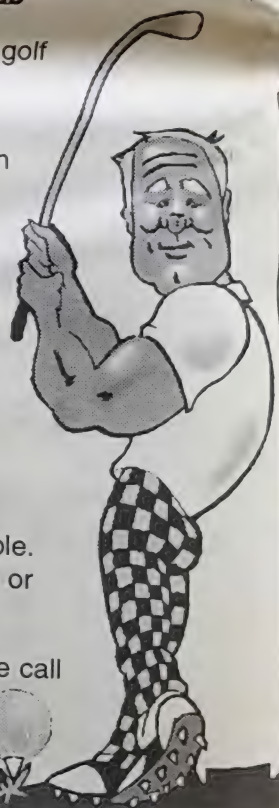
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The starting time will be 8:00am and the tournament will be a shotgun team scramble. You may sign up as a single, double, triple or team of four.

If you are interested in participating, please call **Charlie Loust** at (562) 862-1260.



## LAPD Wrestling Team

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## Keep Up To Date on The Latest In LAPD Sports

Whether it's scheduling changes, newly announced events, or for updated scores, call the Sports Beat Info Line for the latest details. Athletic Director Tony Adler updates the message weekly, or more often, as events warrant.



## Wilshire Fundraiser:

# 3rd Annual Wilshire Community Police Council Golf Tournament

Monday, October 25, 1999 at 8:00 a.m.

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
at the exclusive  
Braemar Country Club,  
4001 Reseda Blvd.  
Tarzana, CA 91357**

Dear Community Member:

The Wilshire Community Police Council (WCPC) is proud to announce its third annual fund-raising golf tournament set for Monday, October 25, 1999, at Braemar Golf and Country Club located in Tarzana, California. The purpose of our golf tournament is to raise funds for the Explorer and Deputy Auxiliary Police (DAP) youth programs at Wilshire Division. These programs have been a tremendous value to the youth in our community by providing them with the opportunity to get involved in after hours school activities. Currently, there are over 200 youths involved in these programs and the number of participants is growing.

These programs focus on mentoring youth to keep them from becoming in-

involved in crime or being intimidated into being involved with gangs. As members of the DAPs and Explorer programs the youth are taken on educational field trips designed to educate them through real life experiences.

An extremely fun-filled and memorable day is being planned for you. A wonderful day in the sun, a challenging game of golf with your friends, a pre-golfing putting contest, breakfast, a barbecue lunch and a relaxing sit-down dinner inside the clubhouse. Additionally, prizes will be awarded for winning teams, closest-to-pin, longest drive and any hole-in-one. There will also be a drawing where winners will be eligible to receive a variety of donated gifts and prizes.

You are invited to participate in our first corporate sponsorship program. Consider this: Hundreds of golfers, such as yourself, viewing your business logo/advertisement placed in a strategic location on the course for all to see. As a corporate sponsor, you will benefit the youth in your community as well as promote your business and actively support

the crime prevention and youth programs of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Please respond as soon as possible, as spaces are limited. Contact Floyd Simmons or Officer Corina Draper at the Beverly Center Management Office at (310) 854-0832; Fax (310) 854-6376.

**Mailing address: Beverly Center Management Office, 8500 Beverly Blvd., Suite 501, Los Angeles, CA 90048, Attn: Golf Tournament.**

We look forward to seeing you in October!

### Braemar Country Club

Take the Ventura Freeway (101) to Reseda Blvd. off-ramp. Travel South two miles to the club entrance on the right. The entrance is indicated by the club sign. Proceed to the guest parking area.

### Monday, October 25th

Registration is from 8:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., tee-off will be at 10:00 a.m. sharp, scramble format.

• Continental breakfast will be provided.

• Putting contest will be held from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.

• A BBQ lunch will be provided as well as a banquet dinner.

• Awards, trophies and prizes will be presented.

• The cost also includes Ditty Bag Polo shirt, beer and beverages, golf cart, tournament cap, and much, much more, all included for \$150 per golfer.

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## Wilshire Fundraiser: 3rd Annual Wilshire Community Police Council Golf Tournament

### Entry Form

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## LAPD Motocross Team

by Richard Swisher  
LAPD MX Team

The LAPD Motocross Team is back in action again on October 4th and 5th at Glen Helen National Motocross track for rounds 3 and 4, of the Fire and Police Motocross Nationals. We will be facing stiff competition from police and fire departments from all over the United States and would really love to have as many LAPD fans in the stands as possible. There are two giant table-top jumps right in front of the grand stands where all of us racers try to throw as much style as we can while we fly through the air just feet

40-hour P.O.S.T. accredited school near Gorman, Calif., to become instructors, and then schedule days through their CRO office to take the kids up and ride. All motorcycles are provided and maintained by the state and the equipment is supplied by the state as well, so basically you are getting paid to ride dirt bikes and teach a wonderful sport to some great kids. Unbelievably there are only two instructors on our department right now, but P.A.L. wants to train a lot more and get this program rolling. To find out how to put your name into one of these empty school slots, contact Officer Villaseñor at HBK P.A.L. at (323) 881-6762.

The photo of the month is Officer An-



from the spectators so they get somewhat of a show. We would like to invite you all to come out in force, watch us rage on the competition, hang out with us in the pit area, and enjoy the BBQ they provide. We would also like to bring to your attention the P.A.L.'s "Off Road Pals" program. This is an outstanding program that P.A.L. has up and running strong in Hollenbeck Division that takes youths from your division out to a national forest O.H.V. site and teaches them how to ride dirt bikes safely. Officers are sent to a

gel Gomez of Central Division just barely holding it together after a rough launch. Officer Gomez is currently nursing some heavy duty hurts after a wicked get-off while practicing for the upcoming race at Glen Helen. Angel broke six ribs, three bones in his shoulder and punctured a lung so send him your good wishes. Or better yet, come visit him at the races! If you have any questions about joining our team or the P.A.L. motorcycle program, feel free to contact Officer Rich Swisher for the answers at (213) 485-4396.



### More Sports Beat on next page

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# SPORTS BEAT

## LAPD Soccer Team Takes Fifth at California Police Summer Games

by Don Barfield

LAPD's Division II Soccer Team met its law enforcement challengers at the California Police Summer Games in an



Phil Arreola fakes, then dribbles past an opposing player.

ultimate test of strength, endurance and cunning. (Division II was composed of 20 teams with LAPD's qualifying pool consisting of Chula Vista, Central Valley Combo, Santa Clara Combo and IRS-CID.) The game of soccer is a grueling sport played in two 45-minute halves,



LAPD Summer Games Soccer Team - (standing, from left) Chris Silva, Francisco Lopez, Carlos Gonzalez, Serafin Rodriguez, Aaron Korth, Coach Don Barfield, Peter Lee, Shawn Connolly, Marlon Marrache, Guillermo Fajardo; (kneeling) Julio Flores, Luis Romero, Herman Usma, Louie Estrella, Robert Morales, Alex Fuentes, Jorge Morales, Felipe Arreola. Not pictured: Raphael Ferrer.

and nowhere except at the Summer Games is it played with such a furious pace—seven games in six consecutive days. Not even the professional teams compete more than twice per week.

On the first day of competition we faced the cunning and calculating IRS-CID team, which proved to be very meticulous in its attack. Coach Don Barfield, fearing a relentless battle, advised all his players to leave their social security cards home. This stroke of genius worked to our advantage and while the IRS's attention was diverted, Julio Flores headed in a smart goal. Later in the game Robert Morales drove the ball into the net with a driving shot. We checked our 1040s and claimed two goals to win 2-0. One sad note is that we lost Francisco Lopez to injuries with a torn hamstring.

Later that day a hot and tired LAPD squad took on the Central Valley combo

team (which was fresh and had not played that day). They clawed and snarled throughout the entire game and we found ourselves behind 1-0 after the first half. The outstanding goal keeping of Louie Estrella along with his defensive wall of Guillermo Fajardo, Serafin Rodriguez, Herman Usma and our secret weapon from the north, Shawn Connolly, kept them at bay. That gave us enough time to rebound with another brilliant header by Flores (his second of the tournament) and we managed to squeak out a 1-1 tie. This was a costly game as we lost Fajardo and Serafin to injuries.

Our third game in two days was against a tough Santa Clara combo team. We mistakenly played them soft and they played us fiercely with wild body checks and slide tackles. With our first line of defense down with injuries Chris Silva and Jorge Morales took up the challenge, and we again managed to eke out a 1-1 tie.

The fourth and final game in our pool matched us with Chula Vista PD. We were not sure how to play them so we drew from the inner strength of our team-

mate, Peter Lee. He has studied the ways of the mysterious East and provided us wit tactics that were second to none. His plan was so successful that six different players scored: Alex Fuentes, followed by Silva, Luis Romero, Carlos Gonzalez, Marlon Marrache, and Usma. With this win we moved onto the quarter finals.

It is now Thursday, the fifth game in four days, and we are tired, ragged, bruised and in pain. This was an important game as the winner continued towards the gold while the defeated team played for the last place medal. We drew the INS, winners of their pool while we were the second team in our pool. This was a game of games for both sides... we thought we could penetrate the "revolving door" of the INS but the game was tied 0-0 after the first half. Aaron Korth and Raphael Ferrer combined to shore up the defense and stopped their

## Claybusters Hit Jackpot In Vegas

by Jimmy L. Trahin

Okay, so we admit we are not exactly the best at shooting dice... but put a shotgun in our hands and our success improves dramatically! Such was the case in August when the Trap and Skeet Team ventured up to Las Vegas for the

my appearance at the awards ceremony by donning the same garb. We looked like a band of used camel dealers, I thank them for their support... and payback is coming!

Our teams basked in glory the last two days, which involved skeet shooting. LAPD took the gold and bronze in 12 gauge skeet and a second gold in the 20



photo by Bunso Trahin

Jackpot Winners in Vegas: (l-r standing) Joe D'Anjou, Annie "Oakley" Hennessey, Ed Chauff, Vic Elliott, Greg DeWitt; (kneeling) Jimmy Trahin, Bill Page.

annual Nevada Police Games. With temperatures on the range exceeding the century mark during the four-day marathon, those brave souls who accepted the challenge included Don Bray, Joe D'Anjou, Vic Elliott, Bill Page, Greg DeWitt, Annie Hennessey, Ed Chauff and yours truly (Jimmy Trahin).

The first two days of trap shooting resulted in our teams taking silver medals in riot and doubles trap and the bronze in 16 yard and 21 yard handicap events. Trahin captured the silver individual medal in trap doubles.

*This writer will acknowledge the entire team's levity following trap events. Well known at the shoots for my fashionable headgear (soaking wet, turban wrapped, "borrowed" white hotel towel to cool off in the heat), the team decided to mimic*

gauge event. Bray and Page were unstoppable with each taking several individual medals including, respectively, gold and silver in skeet, silver and gold in riot skeet, and gold and bronze in the 28 gauge event. Bray's impeccable shooting also resulted in a nice shiny bronze medal in the High Overall in all events category.

The team can now relax for the next couple of months, but we will be gearing up soon for the millennium games at the start of the year. Anyone interested in shooting with the LAPD "Towel Heads" can call yours truly at (562) 698-2674 or E-mail [jtrahin@ix.netcom.com](mailto:jtrahin@ix.netcom.com).

**Jackpot Winners.** (standing, from left) Joe D'Anjou, Annie Hennessey, Ed Chauff, Vic Elliott, Greg DeWitt; (kneeling) Jimmy Trahin, Bill Page. (Photo courtesy of Bunso Trahin.)

onslaught time and time again. with just 15 minutes left, Usma drew first blood, driving a header past their goalie. But time had apparently run out as the INS was able to jump back into that revolving door, catching us off guard to win 2-1. This was our first loss of the tournament.

The sixth game in five days is now upon us, this one against the Los Angeles

in the past years and there is somewhat of a rivalry between us. They came at us with burst after burst of speed and scored the first goal, but we took this challenge head on. Determined not to lay down in front of the enemy, we came storming back to tie the game, then quickly scored two more. We won this final game with an impressive score of 5-1.



Chris Silva and Marlon Marrache evade their opponents.

County Sheriffs. After regrouping from the previous day's loss, we seemed to draw from each other's inner strength. They came out slowly, being scored upon first. That woke the sleeping giant in us as we bush-whacked them 7-1. Now that's team camaraderie.

The seventh and final game in six days (on Saturday) was for the fifth place medal: the winner takes home a medal, the loser goes home empty-handed. We were down from 18 players to just 13 and facing a tough, competitive Long Beach PD for the privilege of taking home that medal. We have met them several times

After this long and grueling tournament we can reflect on the pride and passion that the LAPD team displayed. A handful of officers, from various assignments around the city, came together to challenge their law enforcement brothers. Each and every one of them can be proud of their courage, sacrifices, spirit, and personal drive in representing LAPD in this sporting event.

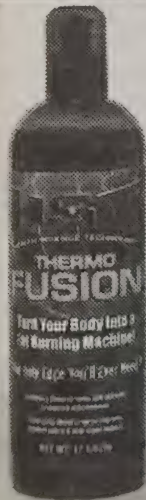
Anyone interested in participating in the LAPD Soccer Program should call Don Barfield at (562) 929-9222, ext. 282. Hugo Cepeida, (213) 485-4113, or Officer Sal Duarte (213) 473-4806.

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# RETIREMENT NEWS



The Retirement News is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

## Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next luncheon meeting will be on October 20, 1999, at "The LAMP-LIGHTER" Restaurant, located on the corner of DeSoto Avenue and Nordhoff Street. There is no set start time so you may arrive anytime after 10:30 a.m. We meet in the room adjacent to the BAR LOUNGE. A special lunch menu is available.

We had 27 at the August 18, 1999, meeting with Glen Sherman attending for the first time. The attendees were John Becker (5059), Barney Boronich (3861), Betty Carr (3298), Ted Debs (6808), Gene Dillon (3411), Emmett Drennen (3279), Ed Elliott (4703), Clinton Erickson (5608), Alan Evans (25546), John (5918) and Lois Evans, Bill Feddersen (4823), Mel Harner (4501), Glen Kailey (3503), Tom Lindholm (4734), Lloyd Lundy (4132), Bob May (3747), Boris Meneghelli (3522), Paul Nicholas (4047), Joe Nieznalski (5014), Ray Palaszewski (6934), Dale Rickards (3593), Bob Schneider (3677), Glen Sherman (7261), Stu Stremsterfer

(4394), Norm Sulflow (6902), and Richard Young (10585).

The annual BBQ at Dale Rickard's Ranch in Malibu will be on Sunday, October 24, 1999, the Sunday before Pacific Daylight Time ends. We will have barbecued chicken and tri-tip beef with trimmings. The cost will be \$15 each that includes the beer and soft drinks. Send your reservations and payment to Clinton O. Erickson, 23441 Aetna St., Woodland Hills, 91367-3128 before October 16.

Here are the directions to reach Dale's place: Take Westlake Blvd. (Hwy 23) south from the Ventura Fwy (Hwy 101) approximately 5 miles to the crest of the Santa Monica Mountains where you will intersect with Mulholland Hwy. Continue southwesterly on Mulholland Hwy for about 1 mile to Dale's address. There will be signs at the driveway entrance for the BBQ at 33173 W. Mulholland Hwy. If you get lost, call Dale at 818-889-1447.

If you need any information about meetings (always the third Wednesday of each month), call me (Erickson) at (818) 340-2430.

## Retirement Corner



October, 1999

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SGT-II Alexander C. Salazar 13037 Hollenbeck	32
P-III John McCrossen 13403 Metro	31
SGT-II Ronald L. Shoop 13444 Hollenbeck	32
D-III Michael V. Vaughn 14590 DSD	30
SGT-II William "Bill" Florez 15612 Valley Bureau	30
P-II John A. Ptak 15668 VTD	29
P-III Joey "Street Dog" Vege 16235 North Hollywood	29
SGT-II William Dolan 16757 Communications	28
SGT-I Richmond Dresser 17074 Rampart	28
P-III Randy D. Walker 17530 Metro	27
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## Los Angeles Retired Fire & Police Association

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## CENTRAL REUNION

### Advance Notice

The Central Reunion scheduled for year 2000 will be held May 20, 2000, at the Chavez Ravine Academy

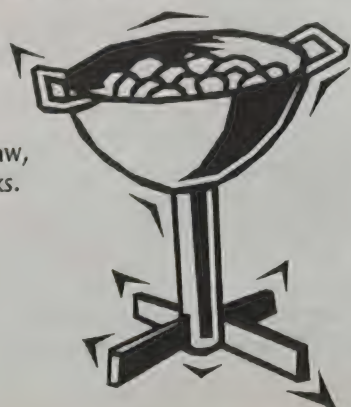
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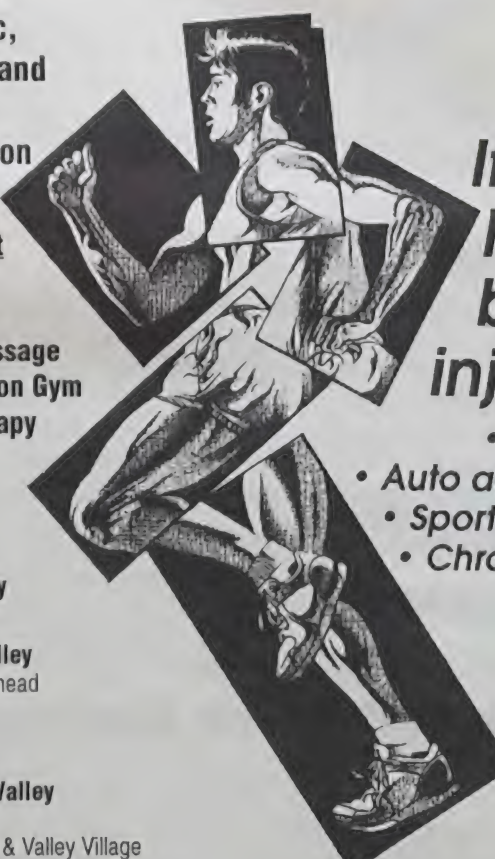
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## RETIREMENT NEWS



Director Dennis P. Zine and Lenny Munoz congratulating Detective Steve Haberfield on his retirement.



Congratulations to Detective John Hunter who is dancing with his daughter at his retirement party.



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## Inland Northwest Division Steak Fry

by Gail Coutts

The weather cooperated in the North Idaho panhandle for the annual Inland Northwest Division Steak-Fry. This was the third year that the Coeur d'Alene group enjoyed a private park in neighboring Post Falls. Thunderstorms and rain preceded the event and the temperature plummeted two days later, but on August 28th the weather was perfect. Sixty-five for-

many years but are just now building their dream home. Grady was sporting a very large Metro tattoo.

After many years of talking about attending, Claude Rouleau and his wife made it down from their ranch in Alberta, Canada. He is usually on combine this time of year but the bad weather put off harvesting until later.

The only physical activity of the evening was the cherry stem tying contest. Roger "Robby" Robinson won last year and reluctantly agreed to defend



Retired policewomen who attended the Inland Northwest Division Steak Fry in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho: (left to right) Corki Rochlitz, Linda Crispin (reserve), Jeanne Mulford, Gail Coutts and Carolyn Murphy.

mer and current officers, along with 50 family members and friends gathered for storytelling, a steak BBQ, and a group picture.

Californians made a good showing. Several officers from the south planned their vacations around the event: Ron Gray and his wife, the former Elayne Yochem, from the League, Pat and Roy Jensen, Carol and Gary Strickland, Corki Rochlitz, Larry Moore, Gail and Gene McCloskey, Chris (still at RHD), and Bud Arce, Candi and Steve Kehoe, Vanessa and Steve Fisher, Linda and Ray Gilmore and their son who works Blythe CHP, Monica and Bob Weir and Cheryl Richards (Principal-R&I). Larry made the 1,300-mile trip on his motorcycle in two days.

Six items were donated and raffled during the evening. Half of the proceeds were given to a facility for battered women and children. Celia DeWeber won the handmade quilt made by Rio Setty and Ken DeWeber won a round of golf for two people on the world famous CDA resort course. A round for one person is normally \$160. Ken decided to auction off his prize and Roy Jensen bested everyone with a bid of \$110. He will try his luck at the only floating green in the world next Spring.

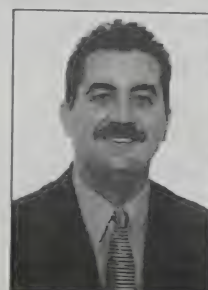
Carolyn Murphy introduced the newest full time residents: Gary and Kathy Lyles (civilian-BAD), Diane and Larry Clark, Linda (reserve) and Wej Crispin, Rosemary and Mike Schadel, Steve Kolb and Sue and Grady Dublin. The Dublins have owned property in Hayden Lake for



Roger "Robby" Robinson displays his medal for cherry stem tying. He won in 1998 and will try for a threepeat in 2000.

his title. Jerry Sparks was first but the knot didn't hold and Robby was declared the winner. Jerry's son, Chris, was a contender, along with Carolyn Strickland.

One of the challenges for the committee is to get all of the sworn officers organized for the group photo. They resist being ordered about. They change positions and give the row monitors a hard time. Kent Setty and Carolyn did a magnificent job this year. Watch for the June, 2000, issue of the Blue Line for this group photo. Mark your calendars now for the next Coeur d'Alene steak-fry on August 26, 2000.



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## Sacramento Area Blue Line Association

by Roy Kerton

Our chairman, **Justin Dyer**, opened the August 12th meeting with a hearty smile and introduced his son-in-law, J. Eric Prorsch, visiting from Kuna, Iowa.

We welcomed **Dick King**, retired C.O. from Pacific Detectives. Having 28 years experience with LAPD, Dick was a member of the department's Forensic Hypnosis Team which interviewed witnesses and crime victims by use of hypnosis. Be sure to be at our September 9th meeting when he will be our guest speaker. Guarantee you won't be put to sleep by his presentation.

**Art Sjoquist**, who retired in 1988 from Foothill Division, also attended our meeting. Art is known to be the LAPD historian. He informed us of the LAPD Historical society and the attempt to restore the old Highland Park Station for the purpose of a museum.

Art explained his involvement with Phase II which will be the development and construction of a world class, high tech, interactive police learning and entertainment center. The facility will be a showcase for LAPD's history and be made available for public viewing.

Art offered to return to SABLA either in October or November and present a video and slide exhibit of the historical project entitled "Behind the Badge! The LAPD Experience." This is one not to miss.

**John Gillis** was our guest speaker this month. After a great career with LAPD, John was appointed as a commissioner to the State Board of Prison Terms where he served several years as chairman. John gave an interesting dissertation of the prison term board and the type of hearings being conducted. As a board member he has conducted hearings for some of the predominant prisoners as Charles Manson and Sirhan Sirhan.

John apparently likes to be involved in politics. He ran for the 10th Assembly District seat in 1988 and is now working with the George W. Bush campaign. Good luck, John and George.

Our attendance soared to 27 bodies this month. Present besides Justin and **Hoy Key** were **Kenneth Calstad**, **Lew Ritter**, the motorcycle group, **Chuck Crawford**, **Bill Wilhelm**, and **Chuck Ward**, plus **Bob Keel**, **Ray Lauritzen**, **Ed Lewandowski**, **Dennis McDonald**, **Bill and Muriel McMonagle**, **Ted Morton** and **George Puddy**. There were other members attending like **A. J. Mills** and, of course, **Bernie Remas**. The rest, I could not remember names. Just another senior moment, I guess. Keep showing up guys and gals, and we will all get to know you better.

Our next meeting was held on September 9, 1999, at our favorite location, the Palomino restaurant at Watt and El Camino, Sacramento, at 11:30 a.m., phone: 916-482-5500.



## Dates to Remember

### October

Oct. 6	Steve Ellis, Steve Kehoe, Mike Hillhouse, Gary Robbins		
Oct. 7	Jerry Johnson & Tony Ketelsleger	1600	
Oct. 13	Inland Blue Line	1100	
Oct. 15	Dickie Simmons	1700	1800
Oct. 15	Thomas Hatter	1700	1800
Oct. 15	Coachella Valley Blue Line Golf Tournament at Sun Lakes C.C.	1200	
Oct. 20	Valley Retired Blues	1030	
Oct. 23	Norm Nagengast, John Ptak, Bob Leahy, Ron Stringer & Rich Zielinski	1400	
Oct. 24	Valley Retired Blues Annual BBQ		
Oct. 25	Wilshire Community Council Golf Tournament	0800	

### November

Nov. 8	LAPPL Golf Tournament Porter Valley C.C.	0900	
Nov. 17	Fred Miller	1700	1800
Nov. 18	John R. Mattingly	1100	1200
Nov. 19	LAPRAAC Sports Awards Banquet	1700	1800
Nov. 19	Fight For Life Boxing Event	1830	



## Poet's Corner

### He Who Serves - Ode to a Policeman

by K.H. Lawrence

I saw this man  
do incredible things  
He put his life on the line each  
time the siren would sing  
To protect and defend,  
to answer the call  
He would rescue the battered,  
the weak and the small  
He'd knock down the doors,  
through burning buildings  
he'd go  
If one life he could save he  
wouldn't hear the word no  
He was a hero in the  
grandest way  
He had the guts to stand up -  
his courage display  
He was tough on the bad guys  
but fair and true  
His heart always told him  
the right thing to do  
To rescue an animal  
hurt or in need  
He might carry them on his lap  
driving his motorized steed  
He raised a house  
with his bare hands  
To provide for the widow and  
child of a fallen man  
Loyal to his buddies, his part-  
ners, his friends  
The men he serves with;  
Life and death choices -  
Trust that transcends  
Bonds so strong,  
communication sublime  
One false move or indecision  
might be his last time  
The faithful wife  
who worries and waits

Never knowing her loved one's  
hourly fate

A kiss goodbye may be forever  
They must treasure each moment  
they spend together  
The sacrificed holidays  
and private time  
The marathon shifts seeing  
humanity's worst crimes  
The darkest depraved  
unspeakable acts  
The tormented souls with  
whom he must interact  
But through it all he makes a dent  
On society's gloom  
and embattlement  
He thinks he was just doing his job  
Proud to serve,  
protect the crowds  
But he gave it his all,  
his passion, his care  
His lighthearted nature,  
his dedication beyond compare  
A jokester, a prankster,  
humor in his soul  
His car shot up; he joked about  
the day he'd grow old  
Knocked off his bike,  
run down or run over  
He still kept on going - Life's too  
precious for him to roll over  
He charged through the build-  
ings, knocked down the doors  
With no thought of his safety  
- he never gave less but always  
gave more  
He was and is a valiant, a  
trooper, helped those in need  
He, who served, served well and  
stood tall indeed



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### More Retirement Corner on next page

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## RETIREMENT NEWS

### The Older Blue Running Team

by Neil Parker (retired)

Hey, who changed the team's byline? Who added the ER onto OLD? Well, it was changed for this month in honor of our OLDER BLUE team captain, **Chuck McTaggart**, who, in his August newsletter to the team shared a personal triumph which I thought he might also want to share with all of the readers of *The Thin Blue Line*. Without a moment's hesitation, Chuck and Mrs. Chuck, his lovely wife, Linda (aka plan L), who is quite a champion long distance runner in her own right, agreed.

In an intra-team newsletter that Chuck writes, he fills us in on various race results and other news of interest to team members. But last month the back page was titled "Important Medical Message" and Chuck went on to discuss a personal medical subject that most men, especially those of us who have been drawing pension checks for a while, are reticent to discuss let alone follow up on. Enough editorializing, here's Chuck's letter and if you know Chuck, it epitomizes him to a T. It's gutty, serious, to the point but reflecting a deep and serious concern for his forty or so teammates who, whether we want to or not, may have to face the same situation.

Important Medical Message... Prostate cancer is a dreaded disease that is usually found in older men. All men over 50 years of age should be tested on a yearly basis. This includes most of the members of the "Old Blue" running team. Unlike women, who usually talk freely among themselves about intimate health problems, most men shy away from exchanging information about any of their physical disorders. Especially problems involving a gland that produces seminal fluid and affects urinary flow. They prefer not to undergo or even to think about the traditional test for detecting prostate problems: the infamous digital rectal exam. The American Cancer Society estimates that in 1996 almost 317,000 American men were told that they had prostate cancer, more than the 184,000 new cases of breast cancer. In early May, 1999, I had my checkup for prostate cancer. I've been having this annually since I was 50 (7 years).

These annual checks were precipitated by a family history of prostate cancer. After having a digital rectal exam, P.S.A. and needle biopsy, they found the P.S.A. was somewhat elevated. The P.S.A. and the family history resulted in the need for the needle biopsy. The biopsy came back positive and indicated that the cancer was in a moderate stage. My doctor explained the treatment options of radical prostatectomy, radiation, radioactive seed implants, freezing, and hormone therapy. I elected to have the prostate gland removed as my doctor believed the cancer was confined to the gland and hadn't metastasized. Radical prostatectomy virtually guarantees a cure if the cancer hasn't metastasized. None of the other treatments did. I had the surgery on June 28, four weeks prior to the writing of this newsletter and am happy to inform everyone that the surgery was successful, the cancer was confined to the prostate gland, and that I am currently re-starting my running program. I feel great and at the current time do not have any side effects! Remember, 1 in 5 American men will develop prostate cancer in his lifetime. Most are only vaguely aware of the disease, its treatment and its consequences. *It can happen to you, too!!*

God bless you and your family, Captain Chuck McTaggart. Your candor in sharing your experiences are extremely commendable. If your testimony convinces one guy, just one guy, to set up an appointment with his doctor, and possibly save his life, your decision to share this medical problem will have been all the more worthy. And THE OLDER BLUE RUNNING TEAM? We will follow the advice of Chuck as well as several of the teammates and schedule those exams to ensure that we not only become the OLDER BLUE but the OLDEST BLUE as well.

Hey, new runners... Sunday, October 31, 8:00 a.m., rain or shine, behind the Griffith Park Ranger Station will be the first qualifier for Baker-Vegas 2000. 1/5 to Griffith Park Blvd., r/t at the stop sign, and 1/2 mile to the first r/t before the Ranger Station and follow the asphalt. October 31st is also SET BACK the clock day. Run with the greatest, with the best, with OLDER BLUE.

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South Traffic Division Retirement Steak Fry

6 October 1999 - Honoring:

Sgt. Steve Ellis

Ofcr. Steve Kehoe

Ofcr. Mike Hillhouse

Ofcr. Gary Robbins

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WHEN: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1999

WHERE: CARSON CITY NUGGET CASINO (upstairs)

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COST: \$14.25 per person

Please send your prepaid reservation by  
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Hope you can make it!!

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WHEN: Sunday, December 12, 1999

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The only cost to you will be a reservation fee of \$5 per person.

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Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

RSVP by December 7, 1999.



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Los Angeles Police Department - Central Traffic Division

# RETIREMENT DINNER

honoring - MOTOR SGT 1-2 **THOMAS C. "Madd" WATTER**  
CENTRAL TRAFFIC DIVISION

on Friday, **OCT. 15, 1999**  
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Dinner @ 1800 hrs.

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LOS ANGELES, CA

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NEWTON STREET ROBBERY

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also honoring: Tony Ketelsleger

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# Steve Ellis

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honoring - **DETECTIVE III Anthony "Tony K" KETELSLEGER**  
NEWTON STREET ROBBERY

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also honoring: J.C. Johnson #15200

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Although the date has passed, we are publishing this retirement announcement for commemorative purposes.

Los Angeles Police Department announces a splendid

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## RETIREMENT NEWS

### Inland Blue Line

by Loyd H. Yandle

The fall meeting and luncheon of the Inland Blue Line will be held on Wednesday, the 13th of October at the Anchor restaurant, 2524 E. Florida Ave, in the old city of Hemet, "God's waiting room." Tariff is only \$10 per person. Where in hell is Hemet, you ask? Well, just look to the east and pick out the brightest star in the heavens and there is Hemet, directly under it. A place where 90 percent of the population of Hemet is retired. That's why they call it "God's waiting room." If you are planning on visiting us on October 13th and you're not sure of the route to take, give me a call and I'll give you the best route to take. I may be getting along in years (I am only 61 years since 1979), and I may be slowing down a little and sometimes I can't find my car keys or remember my bookie's name, but I can always find my way home. So in that category I won't steer you wrong. My way will get you here. And you'll be glad you came when you hear who's coming as our guest speaker. Are you worried about the coming of year 2000 and the much talked about "Millennium?" Are you one of those people who believe all the hoopla that has graced our TV and newspapers for the past year? Have you stocked up on water and food, candles, or did you buy a generator? If you believe all the ballyhoo, maybe you're planning on drawing out all your life savings and burying it in the rear yard. Believe it or not, that's what some of the information coming over TV and news media would have you believe. Come 2000 all computers will be in trouble. Well, come to our house on October 13th and you'll set your mind at ease, because I have scheduled an expert on this Y2K situation. After many calls and much investigation, Steven Endaya's name kept popping up

to top out the list of experts on the millennium. Steven Endaya will set our minds at ease because he is in a position where he knows what is going to happen at midnight on December 31, 1999. Come hear Steven and relax. Then you can stop taking your Maalox. Call early because this should be a sell-out performance. Oh, by the way, Steven Endaya holds one of the top positions in our L.A. Police Credit Union.

I enjoy reading *The Thin Blue Line* every month. I, like most retirees, look first at "the end of watch" and the next "retirees." Sure are a lot leaving the department. If you went to all the retirement dinners like we used to, it would take all your pension. I see officers retiring that came on after I retired. Boy do I feel old. Speaking of old, I was just notified that one of my old classmates of March 16, 1949, passed away. **Charles Yocum** passed away last week. He was a good friend. He and his lovely wife were at our class reunion for our 50th anniversary, at the Academy on March 16, 1999. We always kidded each other. I called Charles "the old man." He was 2-1/2 months older than I. We sat next to each other going through the academy. The old man, Charles Yocum, on one side and the youngster, **Mark Wolf**, on the other side, with me in the middle. Yes, Charlie Yocum, you will be missed. Now I have to be referred to as the old man of the class of '49. At our 75th reunion I will have the honor of being the oldest and also married the longest. As of this writing, I have been married to my lovely wife, Beverly, for 58 years, and we hope you all will be as happy as we wish we were.

God, it's been hot this summer. The past week it has been 105 degrees to 108 degrees. We just got back from Portland, Oregon. We held "The Yandle" reunion in Portland. Seventy-three relatives showed up from Arkansas, Missouri,

Colorado, Texas and Washington. It only rained one day out of the ten we stayed in Oregon.

If any of you are planning a trip, be prepared to pay from \$1.57.9 to \$1.97.9 for gas and from \$1.35.9 to \$1.65.9 for diesel. And it is supposed to go higher. With the giant raise we got in August I was able to fill my gas tank twice. Whoopee!! And Clinton says the economy is great and that crime is down. I don't know where he has been. Have you been shopping lately? And only 15 shootings this past week. When is it going to end?

But I did win the lottery last Saturday. Not the \$4 million, but 3 out of 6. Got the \$7.00. Wow! Don't know what I am going to do with all that money. Maybe I'll take Beverly out for dinner. Can't make up my mind though—Burger King or Carl's Jr. She don't like Taco Bell. She is afraid of their dog.

Remember October 13th for the next luncheon. Members will be getting their notices about middle of September. For all you non-members, you can call me at 909-925-4491. You'll be glad you did. Hey! Be careful out there. It is a jungle on those freeways. Don't forget your shotgun.



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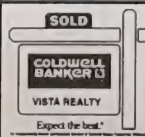
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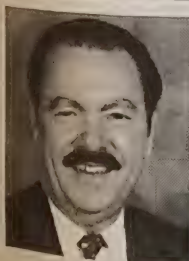


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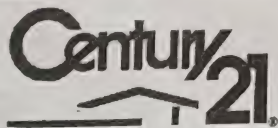
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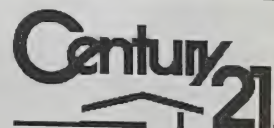
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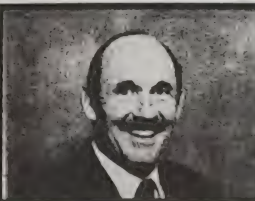
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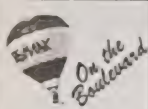


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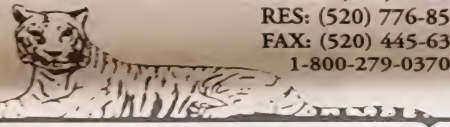
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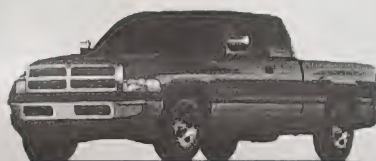
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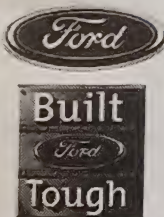
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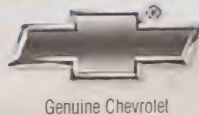
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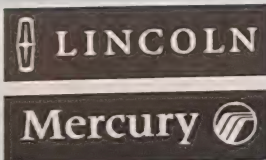
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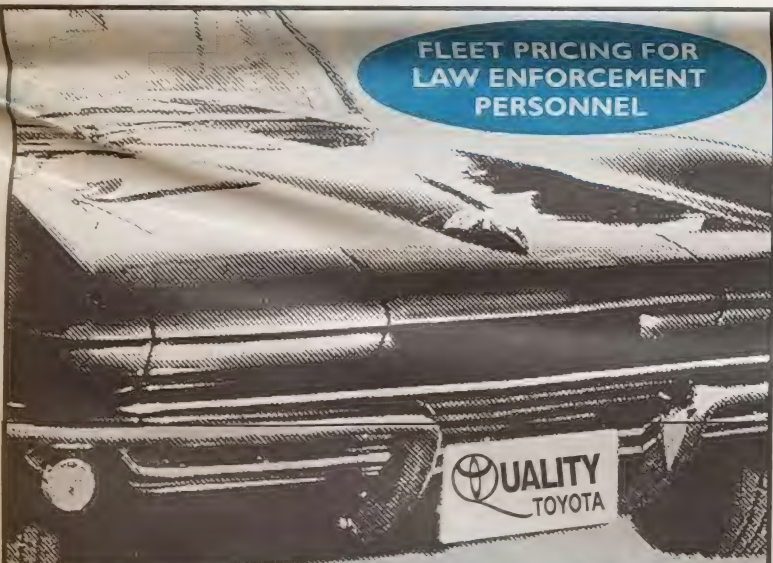
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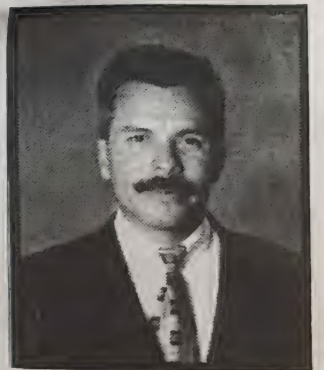
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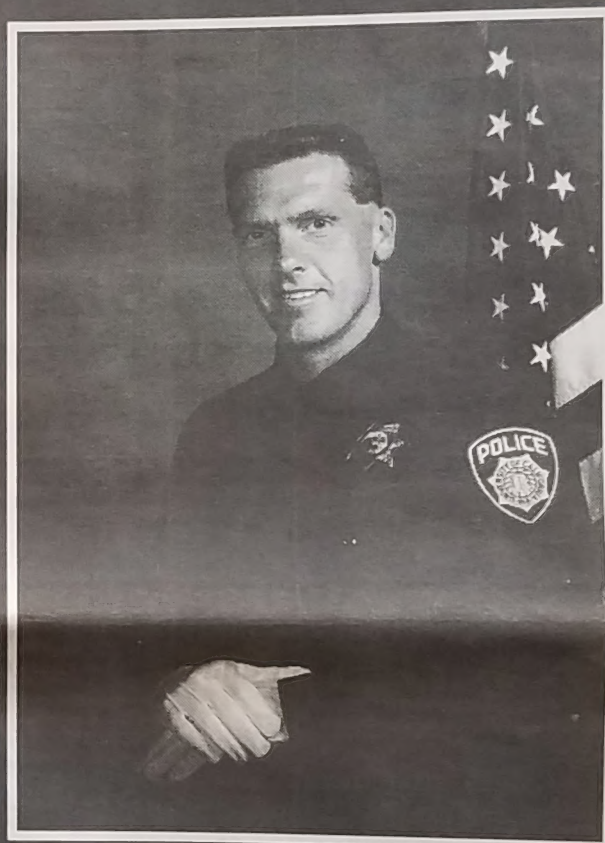
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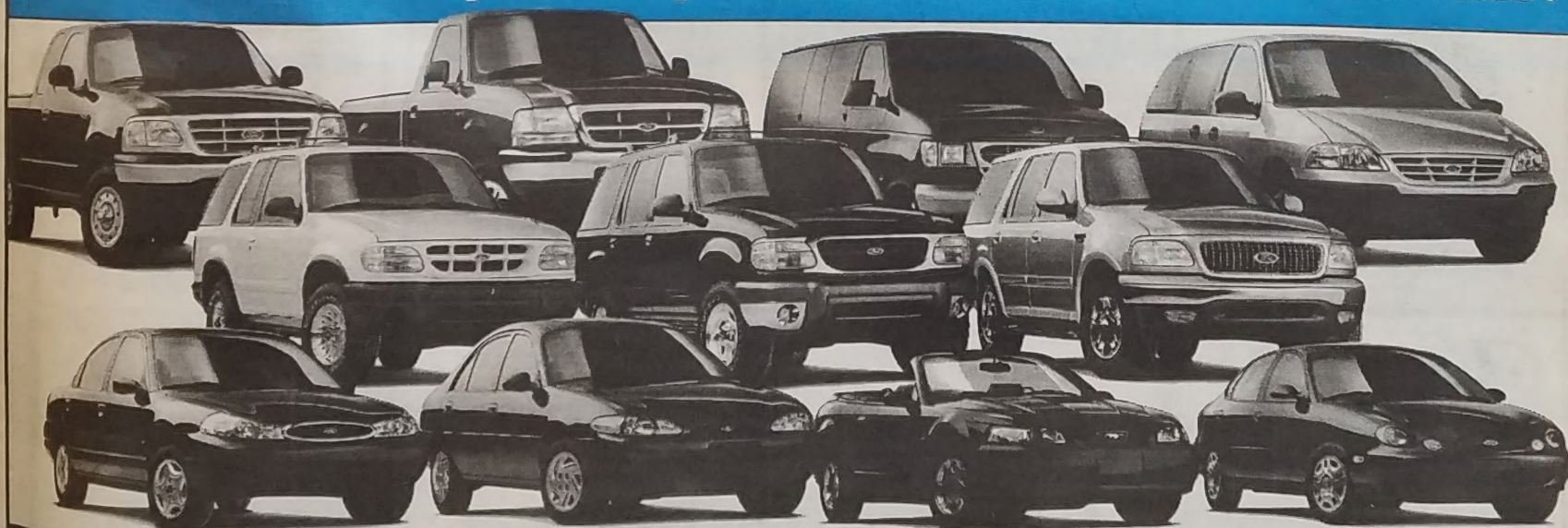
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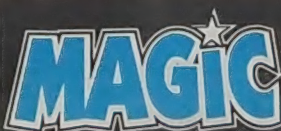
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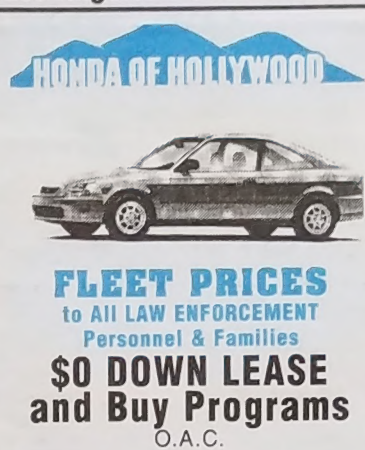
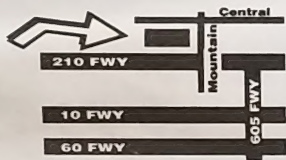
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